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Great Nurses WANTED

Educators and hospital administrators scramble as the demand for nurses grows and the pool of nurses shrinks.

Do you have an alumni friend or colleague who deserves recognition? It's time to send nominations.

MCV Alumni Association of VCU

MCV Campus Outstanding Alumnus Award honors a graduate of the MCV Campus who is nationally recognized for distinguished contributions to health care in his or her chosen field.

Hodges-Kay Service Award honors an MCV Campus graduate for service to the MCV Alumni Association, his or her School and/or the University.

Dentistry Division

The Dr. Harry Lyons Outstanding Dental Alumnus Award honors a graduate for outstanding loyalty and dedicated service to the School of Dentistry, its alumni and students.

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Outstanding Medical Alumnus Award honors a graduate of the School of Medicine who is nationally recognized by leaders in medicine for distinguished contributions to health care.

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Nursing Division

Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award honors a graduate of the School of Nursing who is a leader and expert who has contributed to health-related and other groups and whose creativity and innovation have made an impact on the profession.

Nurse Alumnus Award for Outstanding Service honors a graduate who has shown outstanding leadership and service to the community, the School of Nursing or the University, or to professional or community organizations.

Nurse Alumnus Award for Outstanding Clinical Practice honors a graduate who exemplifies an innovative, professional, and scholarly approach to his or her clinical practice and contributes to the development of others.

Alumni Star honors a graduate of the School of Nursing who has made significant achievements in his or her career, in the community, and/or in service to the University.

Pharmacy Division

Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus Award honors a graduate of the School of Pharmacy who has made significant contributions to the profession and/or the community.

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To submit a nomination, include:

1. Name of the award.
2. Name and address of the nominee.
3. A statement from the nominator about why the nominee should win the specific award.
4. The nominee's resume/vitae or a description of past experiences/honors.
5. Name, address and phone number of the nominator.
6. Letters supporting the nomination are welcome but not mandatory.

A complete nomination must be received by **December 15, 2001.**

Send Nominations to:
Alumni Awards Committee, P.O. Box 980156
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BIOFEEDBACK

Congratulations to you and your staff for putting together the last issue of Scarab. The color work was a welcomed addition to the publication and the number of items covered must have set some sort of a record.

I have some suggestions that I feel would enhance future issues:

1. While today's youth have no problem addressing their peers and their superiors by first name, I was taught never to address an older person, or a person of certain social rank (such as clergy, professors, physicians or other professionals) or women by their first name. First name usage was saved for only close friends or folks who may have given permission for first name usage. I was shocked to see several deceased professors referred to by their first name. I was also amazed to see that you (or someone) referred to my long time friend and colleague, Dr. Edwin Lawrence Kendig, Jr. as "Edwin." I have known Dr. Kendig for over 30 years, and I have yet to address him by "Edwin." He is known to me and my family as "Doctor Kendig." While Edwin is his first name, his close friends who are his age call him by his middle name. Over the years, those who have used his first name single themselves out as ignorant to the fact that his first name is never used by his family. Neither should you.

2. The editor and staff should address the cumbersome use of letters and numbers following graduates' names. It makes my head swim when I try to read an item and it detracts from the article. Why not make things simpler by only using letters to identify one of the six schools on the MCV Campus, and the year of graduation. Drop all other abbreviations, especially those that have nothing to do with the medical campus. I care little to know that a graduate of the Dental School also has a degree in social work and mass communications . . . Keep it simple, please.

I would be happy to discuss any or all of the above with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Barry V. Kirkpatrick, '66MD

Your thoughts about titles of courtesy and use of first names in the Vital Signs section are right on target. Our sincere apologies to Dr. Kendig. We are changing the guidelines to eliminate familiar names in all entries and use a more formal means of address.

Listing of all degrees is something we do for the alumni who are cited. It's not unusual for a subject reviewing an article to note if a degree was not included and ask that it be added. People are proud of all the degrees they have earned and usually want them noted. However, we will do our best to shorten the format of degree designations when possible so it will be less distracting.

Know an alumnus with an inspiring story or have an idea for an article that would be interesting to MCV Campus alumni? Share it with us! We're always looking for great story ideas. Call the MCV Alumni Association at **(804) 828-3900,** fax us at **(804) 828-4594** or e-mail us at **migreene@hsc.vcu.edu.**

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Alumni Scope

Outstanding Women

Barbara Hall Dunn'70BS/N'84PhD/SW, adjunct clinical associate professor in VCU's School of Nursing and JoAnne Kirk Henry, associate professor of maternal child nursing, were among ten women recognized at the Richmond YWCA 2001 Outstanding Women Awards in March. The awards honor women who have made significant contributions to the Greater Richmond community through professional achievements and volunteer efforts. Dunn received the award for her more than 30 years of volunteerism, including her work in children's health for the Craig Health Center, a health care clinic on Richmond's North Side. Henry was selected as the health/science nominee, recognizing her role as director of VCU's Community Nursing Organization in providing health care services to thousands of children and their families, and her work as director of the Office of Health Policy and Research at VCU.

ALLEN JONES

Caring Spirit

Ray Quintero '80BS/N, nurse manager at VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals is among five nurses across the nation presented the Excellence in Caring Practice Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses this year. His award resulted from a nomination letter describing his care of and interaction with a 19-year-old patient named Karl and his family. Karl was hospitalized for more than six months due to a serious respiratory infection. Quintero developed a plan of care that involved the family, briefing them on medical terms, teaching them how to assist with basic nursing care needs, and encouraging them to bring their faith into their son's ICU room. "When you're caring for a patient in crisis, you really end up caring for the family as a whole," Quintero observes. With 21 years of nursing experience, he has spent 19 years in intensive-care units. This is the tenth consecutive year that a nurse from VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals has earned this award.

Dr. Jeff Goldsmith to be Mahoney-Hamner Nursing Lectureship Speaker

Dr. Jeff Goldsmith, president of Health Futures Inc. and associate professor of medical education in the UVa School of Medicine, will speak on "The Outlook for the Health System as the Baby Boomer Generation Retires and Falls Apart" at the 34th annual Mahoney-Hamner Nursing Lectureship. Goldsmith is an internationally known writer and public speaker who focuses on forecasting future health care trends such as the use of the Internet in health care, implications of new biotechnology developments, and the future of managed care.

The lectureship is part of the 9th Annual Commitment to Excellence Conference sponsored by the VCU School of Nursing, the Nursing Division of MCVAA and the Gamma Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. The lectureship will be held Thursday, November 8 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Medical Sciences Building on the MCV Campus. The conference will continue on Friday, November 9 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 555 East Canal Street. Students, alumni, faculty and health care professionals from the community are invited to register. For more information about the lectureship or conference contact Barbara Payton, MCVAA executive director, at **(804) 828-3900** or **bpayton@hsc.vcu.edu.** Register online at **www.vcu-mcvalumni.org**

A Six-Pack of Scholarships

The MCV Alumni Association has awarded one $500 scholarship each year to a rising senior on the MCV Campus based upon the student's academic excellence, leadership and/or service to the community or university, and a recommendation from the dean of the recipient's school. In the past, the scholarship was rotated annually among the six different schools. But this year, due to increased pay out from the First USA Credit Card, MCVAA was able to award a scholarship to a student in each of the schools. Recipients were:

- School of Allied Health: Alisha Hodges, Department of Radiation Sciences
- School of Dentistry: Judith McDonnell
- School of Medicine: John Cornett, MD candidate; Natalia Leach, PhD candidate
- School of Nursing: Tanya Daniel
- School of Pharmacy: Sherrie Pittman

John Cornett expressed in a letter what the scholarship means to him: "At a time in my life when financial resources are limited and demands are strong, the MCV Alumni Association Scholarship is extremely beneficial for my children, wife and me. But what may be even more valuable is the honor and recognition that you have awarded me. Thank you very much for my selection and for such a distinguished and meaningful prize."

Extending a Warm Welcome

If you have called or visited the MCV Alumni House recently, you probably have been welcomed by the friendly voice or warm handshake of Nanette Wall. She joined the MCVAA staff as an alumni assistant on March 26, and is handling the phones, greeting visitors, scheduling the meeting rooms, and processing the mailings for the association's membership.

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Wall is a native of Richmond. She's also a twin, and loves participating in walkathons. Plus, this is not the first time she has worked on the MCV Campus. Her first job out of school was registering patients in radiology. More recently, while working for a staffing agency, she filled in at the

front desk of the alumni house on a temporary basis. She enjoyed it so much, she welcomed the invitation to come on board when her current position became available.

What's Wall's favorite part of the job? "I'm a people person," she says. "[I love] talking to people on the phone, trying to accommodate them and making sure they're satisfied, meeting people that I've talked to on the phone face-to-face." Then she adds with a smile: "It's good to be back."

From an auspicious beginning. . .

Seth Forman was born the day his father, **Arthur J. Forman'72MD,** graduated from medical school. Today he's a fourth year medical student in the VCU School of Medicine and recently received the first national grant ever awarded to a VCU medical student. The $12,000 grant will be used to create a community education program to raise public awareness of melanoma. Forman's project was one of six programs chosen this year by the Association of American Medical Colleges for funding through a grants program supported by Pfizer.

"About 30 years ago, the health care community started to encourage women to do self-breast exams to increase their chances of finding breast cancer early. Now it's part of our culture," says Forman. "I'd like to see the same happen for melanoma."

At Last! It's Here! "The M-2000 Story"

Editor: ***Dr. R.B. Young '53BS/P'57MD***

The "M-2000 Story" is finally complete and the manuscript is now with the printer (about 300 pages). The books should be available in September at a cost of $25.00.

We believe you will enjoy reading the "M-2000 Story" which is derived primarily from the personal journals of 21 medical students in the Class of 2000 as they made their way through a wide variety of pre-med experiences and four years of medical school.

Please place your order for the "M-2000 Story" by mailing a check for $28.00 ($25.00 plus $3.00 mailing costs) made payable to Medical School Annual Fund (M-2000) to:

"M-2000 Story"
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All proceeds will be used to support medical student scholarships and activities through the annual fund.

For information about any event, call (804) 828-3900 or (800) MCV-7799.

CALENDAR 2001

September

15
MCV Dental Division Reception at the Virginia Dental Association Annual Meeting – Crystal City Hyatt – 6:30-7:30pm

25
Nursing Division Meeting MCV Alumni House – 4–6pm

26–Oct. 5
Alumni Travel with Alumni College Abroad in Greece

October

12-13
Parents and Partners Weekend MCV Alumni House

19
Nursing Division Reception at the VNA Conference–Omni Richmond Hotel – 5:30pm

27
MCVAA Board of Trustees Meeting MCV Alumni House – 10am–3pm

November

8
34th Annual Mahoney-Hamner Nursing Alumni Lectureship – Medical Sciences Bldg Auditorium – 2pm

9
9th Annual Commitment To Excellence Nursing Alumni Conference – Richmond Crowne Plaza Hotel

16
Founders Day – Alumni Stars Dinner & Awards, Country Club of Virginia Reception at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm

27
Nursing Division Meeting MCV Alumni House – 4–6pm

April

26-28
Reunion Weekend Omni Richmond Hotel

A Love Story from Reunion 2000

"And when you get the choice
to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance
I hope you dance"
—from Lee Ann Womack's hit song "I Hope You Dance," words by Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers"

Beverly Fleming '55BS/N and **Dr. Richard M. Lee '55MD** came close to crossing paths during their years on VCU's MCV Campus and then again during their working years at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. But they didn't really connect until they stepped onto the dance floor at Reunion 2000, April 29 of last year. Love followed, and wedding bells rang June 16, 2001.

It all started when a mutual friend called Fleming looking for a reunion dance partner for Lee. Both Fleming and Lee had suffered losses earlier in the year. Fleming had lost her mother and Lee's wife had passed away. But like Lee, Fleming decided to go to the dance. She recalled seeing Lee when he was a pediatrician at St. Mary's and she was a labor and delivery nurse.

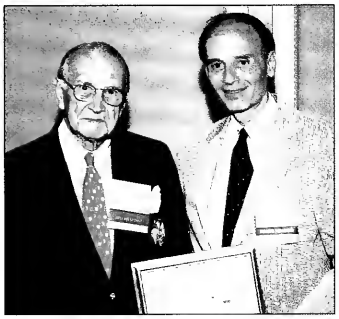
"I remembered he was a good-looking guy," says Fleming. "I said, 'Oh yeah, I want to meet him.'"

They danced and talked. Then Fleming didn't hear from Lee for three months. When he did call to ask her out, she was headed out of town to visit her son in Seattle. But he persisted, and they began dating when she returned.

"I've never had such a wonderful relationship," said Fleming just days before the ceremony. "We have had the time of our lives."

"I'm glad I danced," says Lee. "Beverly is the best thing that ever happened to me."

Reunion Weekend



Dr. E. Lawrence Kendig Jr. '37HS receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award from **Barry V. Kirkpatrick '66MD**

Dr. Katherine C. Bobbitt '56BS/N presents the Hodges-Kay Service Award to **Rebecca T. Perdue '62BS/AH**

Captain Thomas B. Talamini '61BS/P recipient of the Pharmacy Alumnus Service Award, with Victor A. Yanchick, dean of the School of Pharmacy and **Alvin J. Schalow Jr. '61BS/P,** Distinguished Pharmacy Alumnus Award recipient

Mitchell S. Anscher '81MD receives the Outstanding Medicine Alumnus Award from **Barry V. Kirkpatrick '66MD**

John J. Salley '51DDS receives the Dr. Harry Lyons Outstanding Dental Alumnus Award from Dr. Ronald J. Hunt, dean of the School of Dentistry and **Richard D. Barnes '77DDS**, MCVAA Vice President

June H. Turnage '59BS/N, Patricia B. Bernal '80BS/N'91MS/N recipient of the Nurse Alumnus Award for Outstanding Service, **Corinne F. Dorsey '54BS/N, Cynia A. Katsorelos '58BS/N** recipient of the Nurse Alumnus Award for Outstanding Service, **Gloria Gregory Hildebrand '60BS/N** recipient of the Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award

Cassie Irby Wellford accepting the Caravati Service Award for her father, **W. Robert Irby '48MD**

Alumni shared laughter, fun and memories at Reunion Weekend 2001. In the first year of the new millennium, five classes celebrated 50-year reunions.

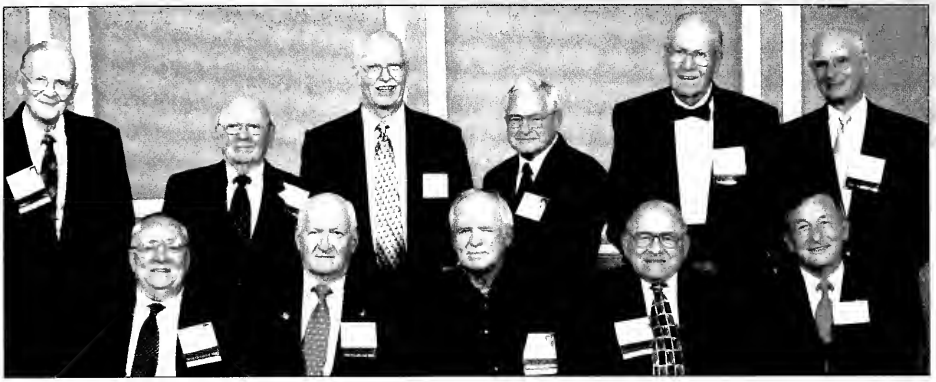
50-Year Reunion Classes Celebrate

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS OF '51

Those attending were (seated, left to right) **Drs. Albert Wasserman, Richard Greenbank, Arthur Martin, Robert Phillips, Aubrey Houser** and **Philip Thomas.** (Standing, left to right) **Drs. William Cook, Louis Keffer, Carl Roncaglione, Yale Zimberg, Harold Miller, Victor Skorapa, Francis McMullan, Eugene Linton, William Hotchkiss, Oscar Darden** and **Norman Tingle.**

ST. PHILIP CLASS OF '51

From left to right, front row: **Dorothy J. Allen, Annie H. Jordan,** Dorothy Lee
From left to right, back row: **Lillian E. Johnson, Irene R. Donohue,** Helen A. Stokes.



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY CLASS OF '51

From left to right, front row: **Thomas Robertson, Charles Wornom, Charles "Sam" Mason, Henry Addington, Ray Byrd.** From left to right, back row: **John Timberlake, A.B. "Joe" Glover, Robert Hale, C. Rhea Houchins, Elbert "Al" Lipps, Ervin Brooks**

SCHOOL OF NURSING CLASS OF '51

From left to right, front row: **Ann A. Smith, Margaret Ruck, Lida W. Norman, Joan M. McDaniel, MaeBelle L. Smyth, Ann M. Robertson, Helen M. Fortenberry, Mary B. Corsa, Thelma M. Voska, Vivian E. Barney, Frances W. Merkey**
From left to right, back row: **Iris DeFord, Jane Garber, Ruth C. Wentworth, Loretta F. Sisson, Joanne C. Johnston, Anne W. Muller, Judy D. Coville, Eday B. Wamsley, Jane Roane, Faith C. Pratt, Elizabeth W. Bogle, Anne B. Jones, Joanna T. Branch, Alice K. Houchins, Mary Rebman, Katie E. Berryman**

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CLASS OF '51

From left to right, front row: **Drs. Marvin Reynolds, William Coleman, Lewis Rogers, D. Breece Cox, William Artrip, Kemper McCloud.** From left to right, middle row: **Drs. William Ditto, John Salley, Howard Watkins, William "Bud" Martin, H. Marvin Midkiff, William Russell.** From left to right, back row: **Drs. Thomas Peterson, Joseph Wallace, Thomas Armstrong, William Williams, Rudolph Bruni**

MCV Foundation Bids a Fond Farewell

By Sally Jones

All good things must come to an end, and for **Dr. Herbert (Hobie) A. Claiborne Jr. '50HS** this summer marked his final days as president of the MCV Foundation, a commission he has held dear to his heart for the last six years. Thanks to Dr. Claiborne's outstanding leadership, the Foundation continues to experience its most prosperous period in its 50-year history.

As Dr. Claiborne prepared to turn over the reins to the Foundation's incoming president, **Dr. Ruth Campbell '57 MD,** he reflected on his term with the fondest of memories. "I still can't believe my time has come to step down. I've thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and I've gained even more respect for the MCV Campus and the entire institution. I've been lucky to work with an enthusiastic group of people. Everyone—and I do mean every member of the Foundation's Board and staff—has been committed to the Foundation's success."

During his tenure, Dr. Claiborne has witnessed an incredible surge in that success. Foundation gifts have continued to rise steadily and its endowment has more than doubled in size to $150 million. As a final tribute to his remarkable contributions, the Foundation concluded another record-breaking year June 30 with gift receipts of $19.7 million.

Much of this good fortune can be attributed to Dr. Claiborne's solid leadership both within the MCV Foundation and throughout the community. In addition to serving on the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees for the past 12 years, he is former president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, where he presently serves as a board member and chairman of the museum's architect search committee. He also serves on the boards of the Virginia Historical Society, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Society and the University of Virginia Medical School Foundation.

"Hobie Claiborne has been a guiding force for us," says Michael Dowdy, executive vice president of the MCV Foundation. "As a valuable member of the community, he brought to this organization outstanding experience, leadership and a shrewd foresight. I can't imagine being where we are today without his contributions. I know I speak for everyone involved when I say a lifetime of gratitude is not enough thanks for what he has accomplished at the Foundation."

But in his unassuming style, Dr. Claiborne takes little credit for the Foundation's recent achievements. Instead he thanks the "on-going generosity" of donors. "There has been a wide, divergent range of people who have made outstanding contributions to the Foundation. These people make a real difference around the MCV Campus. There have been some truly touching stories behind many of these gifts."

Much of the Foundation's success, he believes, is a credit to the quality of care that the MCV Campus provides. "It is the clinicians in practice and sensitive and caring staffs we have to thank for those grateful patients."

Dr. Claiborne believes a number of other factors have come together to help the Foundation move forward. "I admire the collegial relationship the Foundation enjoys with every school and center and every development area. It's a truly unique bond on this campus.

"Of course, the bull market has helped out tremendously, but even with recent downturns, we're still experiencing a record year. The Foundation's asset management team has done a superb job of managing funds and keeping a consistent investment philosophy. And then there's the secret weapon, Mickey Dowdy, who deserves a lot of credit for bringing it all together." Dowdy joined the Foundation eight years ago as executive vice president. Dr. Claiborne also extends a special thanks to VCU President Eugene Trani, who he says "is extremely supportive of our efforts. He sees the MCV Foundation as a major resource in the whole community.

"This is a success story based on the fact that the Foundation now has enough money to do some substantial good around the medical campus," says Dr. Claiborne. "We've already played a variety of roles in advancing the medical center. Everyone is so interested in seeing the ratings and rankings continue to rise, and while the competition for dollars and outstanding faculty and students is tough, good things are on the horizon. I feel quite confident in the Foundation's future."

As for Dr. Claiborne's future with the Foundation, he plans to lend his support as an emeritus board member. "I just can't imagine not being involved with this organization," he says. "It's impossible to measure how much the MCV Foundation means to the medical campus and the entire University."

MCV Foundation Welcomes Incoming President

Dr. Ruth Campbell's commitment to the MCV campus has been truly remarkable, so much so she is a past recipient of the MCV Alumni Association's Hodges-Kay Service Award as well as the Caravati Service Award. A 1957 School of Medicine alumna, she retired from the VCU Department of Pediatrics after 27 years on the faculty. She also is a former trustee and president of the MCV Alumni Association.

Her service to the MCV Foundation is equally impressive. She is a 12-year board of trustees member and outgoing vice president. Dr. Campbell says she is honored to be the Foundation's next president. "It has been extremely gratifying to have been a part of the Foundation during this period of phenomenal growth in resources and involvement of alumni, grateful patients and very supportive friends. We are extremely thankful for and appreciative of our many donors and loyal friends."

Sally Jones is a freelance writer in Richmond, who writes for VCU, the MCV Foundation and local publications.

Situation: Critical

By Wendy Mathis Parker

Nurses are in serious demand, and hospital administrators and educators are hustling to find creative ways to retain experienced nurses and make the field more attractive to today's youth.

GREAT NURSES WANTED. The message is simple and it can't be missed. Massive white letters on a giant yellow and navy billboard seem to shout at passing commuters as they zip along U.S. Route 360, one of the busiest highways in Richmond. In the Sunday newspaper, glitzy help wanted ads dominate the health care section of the classifieds, all touting the benefits of rewarding careers in nursing.

In addition to the media blitz directed at nurses, students about to graduate are being wined and dined and courted like professional ball players. Some hospital recruiters are offering candidates enticing starting salaries, five weeks of vacation and sign-on bonuses as high as $10,000. The word is out: Nurses are in serious demand and hospital administrators are hustling to find resources and creative ways to hire and retain qualified personnel.

With over two million nurses in practice, the nursing profession is the largest health care occupation in the U.S. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that nursing is one of 10 occupations projected to post the largest number of new jobs in the future. The employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2008.

While these statistics are good news for nurses and students entering the job market, hospital administrators are concerned about meeting the demand for quality health care now and in the future. Unfortunately for the health care system, as job opportunities increase for nurses, the pool of qualified nurses to fill those positions is decreasing. Hospitals across the nation are feeling the crunch and nurses on duty are bearing part of the burden.

Shortages have occurred in the health care industry throughout history, particularly since World War II. Nurses who have been working 20 years or more remember the critical shortage of personnel in the 1980s.

Today, as administrators look at the statistics, many agree the current and developing nursing shortage is not yet at crisis level, but it is unique. Instead of a cyclical shortage, it looks like it may be a long-term shortage. According to Nancy Langston, dean of the VCU School of Nursing, cycles of shortages historically have been due to increased demand for nurses. "However, in the past five years," she says, "the problem is not just an increase in demand, it is the declining enrollment in all types of nursing programs including four year university programs such as ours."

Along with the enrollment problem, many factors such as demographics, the nation's economy and hospital restructuring come into play.

As the graying of America occurs, there is a greater need for nurses with key specialties in delivering home health care, long-term care and intensive care. Other high level skills continue to be in demand in the operating room, recovery room, emergency room as well as ICU, and labor and delivery.

Despite the current shortage, Carol Crosby, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals, says, "Actually, there are more nurses working today than we ever have had, but the demand is greater because of the diversity."

Many health care positions with better hours and less stress are luring nurses away from conventional hospital jobs. Today's nursing graduates can find employment in countless fields: ambulatory care, public, occupational, and industrial health. They can work in physician's offices, freestanding urgent care centers, clinics, and nursing homes. Some experienced nurses like the flexibility of working through temporary agencies. Others with wanderlust can be placed in short-term positions in hospitals across the U.S. and overseas.

More career opportunities outside the traditional nursing roles are opening with insurance companies, HMOs and pharmaceutical companies. These organizations are looking for qualified health care personnel to fill a variety of positions ranging from claims investigators to pharmaceutical sales people. In addition, nurses, while working

full- or part-time, are able to continue their education and, with advanced degrees, move into teaching and administrative roles. Simply put, the more attractive job opportunities open to nursing school graduates, the fewer qualified nurses will be available for hospital duty.

Jerri Stuart '76 BS/N '94MHA

Dean Langston notes that while the number of baccalaureate nursing graduates nationwide has decreased dramatically, 25 percent in the past five years, VCU's School of Nursing has managed to hold its own. She concedes the applicant pool today is smaller, but there have been enough qualified candidates for the school to maintain the expected head count in enrollment. There are currently 691 students in the VCU School of Nursing. This includes 225 students enrolled in master's and doctoral programs.

In addition to the problem of declining enrollment of nurses in baccalaureate programs across the country, an aging RN workforce is looking toward retirement. Presently, the average age of a registered nurse is 44. According to Langston, the average age of a student graduating with a BS in nursing is 29 and with an associate degree in nursing is 32.

Rita Jablonski, associate professor of nursing in the VCU School of Nursing says, "Given people's propensity to retire between 60 and 65, in 20 years, you're going to see half of the nurses gone." A study published in the June 2000 *Journal of the American Medical Association* confirms that within 10 years the average age of a nurse will be 50 years or over. As they retire, the supply of working RNs is projected to be 20 percent below requirements by the year 2020.

Jablonski, who is completing a doctorate in nursing with a focus on gerontology, sees the shortage as particularly critical in light of the aging population. At the same time the nursing population is declining, the baby boomer population is reaching maturity. Those born between 1946 and 1964 will soon be in need of more intense health care services. Patients with higher acuity and the need for long-term care, will require nurses with more specialized training.

Pay and perception obstacles

Jerri Stuart '76BS/N'94MHA, COO at Baylor Health System's hospital in Irving, Texas, believes one of the key issues contributing to the nursing shortage is the risk involved in being a nurse these days.

"Many years ago," she explains, "the biggest concern that a nurse dealt with as far as risk was the fear of infection from diseases such as meningitis. Today, nurses fear infection with AIDS, hepatitis, and more recently, tuberculosis." Plus the patient workload is much higher than it's been in the past. "As a profession, I'm afraid we have passed that message on through the media, our families and friends," says Stuart. "The most recent Institute of Medicine report [on the medical error rate] has certainly frightened patients as well as nurses on the care we currently provide in our hospitals and the need for additional safeguards for patient safety. Why would a young woman or man want to enter our profession with such concerns, based on current pay practices compared to a career in business or sales for about the same amount of money?"

"Compensation has not been equal to nursing job responsibilities, requirements and hazards," agrees **Shirley Gibson '91 MHA,** vice president and nurse executive at MediCorp Health System's Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. "The root cause is the way providers are paid and in turn unable to compensate nurses adequately. Managed care has succeeded in making providers more accountable, but they have unfortunately impacted the provider's ability to compensate nurses equitably."

Gibson says nursing salaries are rising due to the shortage, squeezing hospital margins even further. But she thinks compensation issues combined with the high stress associated with the job have created an environment where young people are not encouraged to choose nursing as a career.

Jablonski believes the current nursing shortage is due also to the backlash of the women's movement. While careers open to women in the 1940s centered around three occupations: nursing, teaching and secretarial work, women in the 1970s were encouraged to explore careers traditionally open to men. Compounding the problem, as women looked to other career opportunities, few men moved in to fill nursing positions.

When Jablonski announced in 1982 she planned to go to nursing school, she recalls her high school counselor saying, "You are much too smart for that!" Jablonski says there is a strong perception that nurses are simply "blue collar employees, much like mechanics, working with their hands."

Fortunately, while still in high school, Jablonski was hired as a nursing assistant in a nursing home. There she became "mesmerized by the possibilities of gerontology." Further, she was able to form her own opinion of nurses on the job. "Wow," she remembers saying, "these women are smart!"

Shirley Gibson '91MHA

With bachelor's, master's and post-master's degrees in nursing, and work experience as a clinical educator, critical care nurse and nurse practitioner, Jablonski knows first-hand that a nurse is far more than a mechanic. She says, "In nursing, you are working with your head, your hands and your heart."

Crosby agrees that many people have a false perception of what nursing is. "The profession is not just following physicians' orders," she says. "It is providing health prevention, patient education and acute care to critically ill patients. In addition, it is helping families of patients cope with a crisis."

"There is a national image campaign underway to correct the misperception that nursing is solely a technical skill, adds Langston. " We want young men and women who could be potential students to understand the intellect involved in nursing."

Hitting the pavement

Schools and hospitals across the nation are taking a proactive stance to reverse the trend of the nursing shortage. Stuart says Baylor is currently recruiting nurses from Canada and the Philippines as a short-term solution. But the system is planning to hire a nursing recruiter that is more of a strategist than a pure recruiter to develop a plan for short- and long-term recruiting.

Both Stuart and Gibson report their institutions are providing scholarships and working closely with schools from the elementary to college level to encourage students to consider nursing as a career.

Life in the fast lane

Melinda Ripley , clinical nurse III, an 18-year veteran RN at the VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals, remained calm one particularly busy afternoon on the completely full pediatric floor. Serving as the resource nurse for the shift, Ripley tended to a cystic fibrosis patient who needed a new IV, an 18-year-old cancer patient waiting for his chemotherapy, another young cancer patient who needed medication, and three more patients while juggling a dozen other duties. Using colored markers to identify types of patients, (blue for neurology, green for hemotology, red for cardiac, black for other ailments) she jotted down names on the assignment board, pairing patients with nurses and patient care partners for the upcoming shift.

A few minutes later, looking like players huddled on a football field, nurses encircled Ripley in the hall for patient updates. At the snap of her clipboard, nurses were off and running, one looking for a set of scales; three conferring at a computer over the proper timing and dosage of morphine for a child moaning in pain; another tracking down a replacement battery for an Accuchek to monitor a blood sugar level.

"Where's Justin's lipids?" Ripley asked, checking the refrigerator to see if the supply had arrived from the pharmacy. "I can't give him his treatment without the lipids." The order she had placed earlier in the day had not yet arrived, neither had the chemo treatment. She dialed the pharmacy to follow-up.

A minute later, while Ripley was preparing an IV, she was interrupted numerous times with questions. She and the PCP who was going to hang the IV under her supervision went on to carefully double-check the drug specifications one by one against the order. When two parents reported television problems, Ripley, unruffled, lifted the phone and called for maintenance.

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Despite the hectic pace, it's clear Ripley loves nursing. When asked if she's ever considered retiring, slowing down, she smiles. "I might become a minister," she says, then adds: "and do nursing part-time."

The VCU School of Nursing sends three recruiters on the road to visit junior high and high school students. According to Langston, the current recruiting goal is targeting populations that may have been missed. Therefore, as a full-time recruiter calls on area schools, one part-time recruiter visits the D.C. area and another the historic black colleges in Virginia and North Carolina.

"We have to diversify," Langston says. "We [those in the nursing profession] are still predominantly white and predominantly female."

In her position as instructor and recruiter for the VCU School of Nursing, Susan Lipp meets thousands of potential nursing students across the Commonwealth. While recruiters may feel the burden of alleviating the nursing shortage, Lipp finds it easy to promote a career she loves.

In small groups or classes, Lipp attempts to dispel some of the prevailing misconceptions of nursing that Dean Langston mentions. She explains why nursing is a challenging and rewarding occupation. During her visits to schools, Lipp encourages students to open up by relating their own experiences with nurses. In turn, she tells students about her varied career in nursing. As a staff nurse, clinical specialist, nurse educator and nurse administrator, Lipp has a broad view of what the field of nursing can offer. "I tell the students about the diversity," Lipp says, "and that there are always opportunities to use their education and feel challenged."

Naturally, students are keenly interested in the benefits and potential income of any career and nursing recruiters share this information.

Gibson says her hospital offers not only competitive salaries but sign-on and retention bonuses.

According to Crosby, nursing compensation at MCV Hospitals is very competitive. The average starting salary for a nurse just out of school working straight days is about $34,000 a year. Working evenings and nights, a nurse can earn around $44,000. She says in the past it took 10 or 12 years for a nurse to advance monetarily. She says, "MCV Hospitals and Physicians of the VCU Health System makes sure we compensate nurses for direct patient care so they can stay in that field."

A joint effort

VCU Health System is working with the VCU School of Nursing in many recruitment and retention efforts. In addition to salary information, Crosby, Lipp and other faculty explain financial aid and scholarships to those considering enrolling in the School of Nursing. Another incentive they discuss is the loan forgiveness program in which hospitals pay student loans while the students work at the hospital.

Besides visits to high schools, colleges and career centers, Lipp uses other means to reach out to prospective students. A snazzy recruitment poster was sent to all guidance counselors across the Commonwealth. In a collaborative effort last year, the schools of nursing at VCU and the University of Virginia combined resources to sponsor a career fair at the Siegel Center in downtown Richmond. Forty-five recruiters from Virginia and along the East Coast met with about 120 high school students eager to learn about the nursing profession.

Once students are enrolled in the school of nursing, the school and hospital staff work on keeping them interested. Junior nursing students can serve externships at hospitals in the summer. These are paid positions as patient care partners where students under RN supervision provide personal care to patients.

Lipp talks about a new program that offers a select group of freshman early admittance into the VCU School of Nursing. "These students are so excited to get into nursing," she says, "it's great to capture that enthusiasm early."

Anne Mauck '95MS/N'94BS/N

Langston is pleased to announce a brand new and innovative development between the VCU School of Nursing and the hospital. She says that "in order to assist in current and forecasted dramatic shortages," the hospital has agreed to fund a new faculty position, which in turn, will open the door to the School of Nursing for 10 additional students.

Focusing on retention

Stuart says her hospital is already having difficulty staffing all of its beds. "Today, patients that stay in the hospital have a much higher acuity level than even several years ago. It seems like a majority of staffed beds are critical care beds that must be staffed with experienced nurses," she explains. "Even if we address the nursing shortage over the next few years, I am concerned about having enough experienced nurses."

While recruitment plays an important role in helping to fend off the nursing shortage, retaining good nurses is equally important.

"We are striving to keep the good nurses that we already have through pay practices, flexibility of scheduling and generally valuing our employees through recognition, " says Stuart. "We know they are our most important asset and can be instrumental in delivering the message to potential nurses of the future about the value of a career in nursing."

Pediatric nurse practitioner **Anne Mauck '95MS/N'94BS/N** cites some creative initiatives undertaken at VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals to make nursing more appealing. Offering a tuition waiver to nurses while they work enables RNs to earn a master's degree which can prepare them for another role in nursing, another challenge. Giving nurses control in scheduling their own hours has been a positive move. In the past when nurses were assigned shifts, resentment could build. Today, a committee of staff nurses develops the schedules, giving nurses more say and flexibility in their busy lives.

David Ferris '93BS/N'95MSHA, vice president of nursing at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in upstate New York, agrees that giving nurses a voice is important. However, nurses in that area must work within the union that defines their shifts. Shifts can be: two 12-hour/two eight-hour; three 12-hour or five eight-hour. "Two 12-hour shifts can be trying," he says. "Three 12-hour shifts, you're tired!"

Mauck says something as simple as a recognition button pinned to a lapel can make a nurse feel appreciated. When supervisors see a nurse working above and beyond the call of duty for a patient or family member, they give out an "I was caught" button, recognizing nurses for "making caring visible." The button is accompanied by a small token of appreciation, a gift certificate redeemable at the coffee shop or gift shop.

In addition to appreciation for their work, nurses want the support of management. Having been director of the ER and ICU at Newport News Hospital, Ferris is keenly aware of how staff morale affects the efficiency of the workplace.

"Management is the key," he says. "You can't change personalities," he adds, "but you can work toward improving the work ethic."

To accomplish this, he holds "town meetings," with the nursing staff. "I have very specific expectations and nurses want to be heard, " he says. He believes open communication pays off, but the best way for management to show support is to give it. Ferris takes every opportunity he can to work with patients and staff. He says this helps the morale of the nurses. "My main goal is to be out there on the floor so they can learn what I'm about and so I can learn about them and what they're going through."

Gibson's hospital also strives to provide an environment where the nurse feels empowered. It has a "retention committee" that meets monthly to identify and address issues important to the nursing staff.

David Ferris '93BS/N '95MSHA

While recognition and support from management is crucial, working conditions are a key factor in retaining nurses. In times of nursing shortages, too many patients assigned to one nurse can lead to frustration and high stress levels. It can also lead to more nurses leaving the profession, compounding the shortage problem.

"Nurses need to feel that they are staffed appropriately so they can provide excellent care," says Mauck.

Ferris adds, "They don't want us managing by numbers. They want acuity-based staffing."

Nurses can find some relief with the help of patient care partners, such as nurses aides. However, if PCPs are new on the job, nurses responsible for training them can feel even more pressure during hectic times. Some nurses don't want any added stress, others do fine.

Be part of the solution

What can you do?

Dean Langston likes to quote a colleague, who may have the solution. "We wouldn't have a shortage if each alumnus would recruit one new nurse."

Mauck is one such alumna. "I'm a 'soft' recruiter," she says. While working in the MCVH pediatric oncology unit, Mauck has the opportunity to encourage student nurses as well as make recommendations to hospital recruiters. "I'm always trying to get good student nurses to stay at MCV," she says, "nothing formal, but on a casual basis."

Gallup conducts an annual survey to determine which professions are viewed as being the most ethical, says Gibson. "Nursing has only been included in the survey for the past two years, and each year it's been number one. It's an ethical and admirable career path. I encourage alumni to help promote nursing to the youth of today."

"I know it's so easy to get caught up in the crisis of everyday work," adds Stuart, "but it's so important to remember why we all entered this field, and to recommit ourselves to mentoring new nurses and honoring our profession."

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Beyond Nurse Betty

By Joan Tupponce

Men find career satisfaction in nursing and bring much needed diversity to the field

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Tim Phan '01BS/N

Tim Phan '01BS/N had two specific goals in mind when considering career options: He wanted a career that would always be in demand, and he wanted flexibility. After much thought, Phan, who has a degree in biology, narrowed his choices down to two options: medical school or nursing school.

"I looked at it on a pragmatic basis," Phan says. "I also listened to my spiritual side when it comes to helping others."

He elected to enter the field of nursing realizing that his gender would land him in the class minority, but not to what extent—only four out of 65 students in his class at the VCU School of Nursing were male. "At first, I thought I had made a mistake," he recalls. "Orientation took me by surprise. I was overwhelmed by the gender difference. I expected that more guys would be coming into the class."

Having an initial sense of trepidation isn't unusual among males entering the profession. When **Dr. Kenneth R. White '95BS/N '95MS/N'96PhD/AH**, associate professor of health administration and director of the master of health administration program on VCU's MCV Campus, entered the accelerated second-degree program at VCU's School of Nursing, he was one of only a few men in the program.

"It was a pretty large class, about 89 or 90 people and the majority of students were 19-year-old women," White recalls. "There were not that many men and not that many men in their late 30s."

White admits he felt like an oddity. A hospital administrator for 14 years prior to coming to Richmond, White entered nursing school in 1974 in Oklahoma. When the school closed, he enrolled in another university, one that didn't offer nursing. "Nursing was a long unfulfilled dream," White says. "I wanted to be a nurse anesthetist, but that plan sort of changed.

During his nursing program at VCU, White taught a class in health administration and worked in the same field. "I would go to class in suits, and that has not been the culture in the nursing school," White says. "It was a more comfortable atmosphere. There were lots of ways I was different from the traditional student."

While nursing is certainly not limited to one gender, it is typically stereotyped as a female-dominated profession because of its caring

nature. Men who enter the field may draw scrutiny from their male peers and may be discriminated against by their female peers *(see sidebar)*.

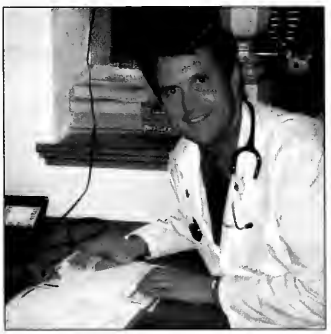
"When I was in nursing school, it was socially challenging," Phan says. "At first, I wondered what I had in common with the women in my class. [It wasn't like the guys] where I could ask them, 'Did you watch the Lakers game?' It was hard to strike up a conversation."

Adjusting took practice, he adds. "It was more of a learning process like a language change. I tapped into my feminine side more because of it, and I learned more about the opposite gender."

According to White, people are stigmatized by the belief that nursing is synonymous with caregiving and caring and those qualities are feminine in nature. Because of that, some may question a male nurse's sexual identity. That issue may prevent men from pursuing a career in nursing. Other issues to be considered relate to social stereotypes. For example, a male nurse may be questioned as to why he went to nursing school and not medical school. Was it because he couldn't make the grade in med school?

"I still get ribbing when I go back home," Phan says. "I have to educate [the folks back home] about the nursing profession."

When White walks into an exam room at the Cross-Over Health Clinic in Richmond where he volunteers, some of his patients mistake him for the doctor, who in this case is a short, petite female. "I tell patients that I am the nurse and she is the doctor," White says. "Some patients have a difficult time with that."



Dr. Kenneth R. White '95BS/N'95MS/N'96PhD/AH

Some ask him how long he's been a male nurse. "They don't ask a woman how long she has been a female physician," White says. "I respond by saying that I have been a male all my life. The nurse part not so long."

Ray Quintero '80BS/N, manager of the medicine stepdown unit/telemetry, staff nurse for the neuro-ICU at VCU Health Systems and clinical instructor with VCU School of Nursing, doesn't let the stereotyping attitudes bother him. One of nine siblings, Quintero has always been service minded. After high school, he joined the Air Force and became a medic. He served in the Air Force for 20 years, working in the critical care arena. In April, he was awarded the 2001 American Association of Critical Care Nurses' Excellence in Caring Practices award.

Gender Gaps and Gaffes

There are five gender-based realities that must be realized by those entering the profession, says Tim Porter-O'Grady, RN, EdD, CS, CNAA, FAAN, president and senior partner of Timothy Porter-O'Grady, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia, in his article "Reverse discrimination in nursing leadership: Hitting the concrete ceiling" published in the Winter 1995 issue of *Nursing Administration Quarterly:*

1. Women value personal interactions and a higher intensity of communication than is often evident in male-dominated work environments.
2. Men are historically less in touch with how they feel than what they think.
3. Men are quite comfortable with individual or collective competition. While competition may be just as evident among women, it is more subtle and less overt.
4. Gender-based anger may exist.
5. Sexual innuendo and sex-based jokes of any kind always stimulate gender-related discomfort.

"I didn't feel like I was a minority when I was in nursing school," Quintero recalls. "I was sure of myself because I wanted to practice as an RN and the military had a greater percentage of male nurses and medics than the community did. Also, there are a larger number of male nurses that specialize in critical care or anesthesia. I had peers that were males."

Quintero found school supportive of the male nurse population. "I felt embraced and encouraged," he says. "As a student nurse, I was involved in professional organizations like the Student Nurses Association."

He believes his nursing education has prepared him to serve the patient population at all different levels. "My education has broadened my view as to what I could do for families and patients," he says. "It's my

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Ray Quintero '80BS/N

opportunity to practice what has been taught. I am able to help people bridge over to wellness and maintain health. One thing I value very much is to be able to serve others and help them live a better life."

White also finds nursing satisfying. "I enjoy taking each person as an individual and trying to help them where they are. Their needs may be simple, but helping someone is the joy I take away from nursing."

Even though there are still stigmas attached to the profession for men, White believes the number of male nurses is slowly increasing. "I think it can only help nursing to have diversity in its mix," he says. "Nursing needs more men, more minorities and more nontraditional nurses."

With the current nursing shortage, it's more important than ever to increase the number of qualified nurses. "One of our challenges is attracting highly skilled, competent individuals to the profession," Quintero says.

To attract more men to the profession, Phan believes the gender walls must come down. "I think more men will opt to do this in the future if that happens," he says. "Men have a lot of avenues, everything from critical care nursing to administration and, there is always job availability. If we can educate them [about the field], they will go into it."

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CROSSING

By Joriel C. Foltz

Alumni, faculty and students find rewards in giving back to the community through a free health care clinic

The Good Samaritan crossed the street to help an injured traveler, while others passed by without stopping. Richmond's Cross-Over Health Ministry takes its name from this well-known parable and offers a modern interpretation of its meaning: "At Cross-Over," says managing director Ben Boldt, "health care professionals have the opportunity to come from their more comfortable lifestyles and cross over to help those in need." Many of these Good Samaritans are alumni, faculty or students from Virginia Commonwealth University's MCV Campus.

Just south of the Lee Bridge in Richmond, Cross-Over Health Center began in 1982 as a grassroots project with no paid staff. In 2000, it received more than 16,000 patient visits, making it one of the busiest free clinics in Virginia. Patients who receive care at Cross-Over often have nowhere else to go. Some are homeless. Almost all are uninsured.

Cross-Over receives no government funding, operating on the belief that community needs can be filled through community support. Volunteers deliver about half of the services provided, from clerical support to medical care.

"The program succeeds," Boldt explains, "because Richmond has long had a caring heart for people in need."

Ben Boldt

Dr. Daniel Januzzi, who left his private practice in Maryland to become Cross-Over's first full-time medical director, recalls his early days at the health center with a warm smile. Back then, he rented a moving van and together with a nurse drove from one hospital to another filling it with donated equipment to outfit Cross-Over's first permanent office space. Today, he can open a door in the thriving clinic and sweep his arm over racks of donated medications and supplies, worth many thousands of dollars.

"Our exponential growth," says Januzzi, "would not be possible without volunteer talent and donated equipment."

A Richmond resident since emigrating from Germany in 1949, **Dr. Erwin H. Harlfinger '61MD** had a busy OB/GYN practice for 33 years. Now retired and a grandfather of nine, Harlfinger volunteers at Cross-Over every Monday afternoon, providing basic gynecological services such as pap smears, pelvic exams, biopsies, and breast exams.

He's found caring for Cross-Over patients fills some of his own needs too. After years of being "a workhorse," Harlfinger says entering retirement was like having "the electricity suddenly turned off." At Cross-Over, he feels useful and appreciated. "I look forward to going in," he explains, "and I will continue as long as they need me."

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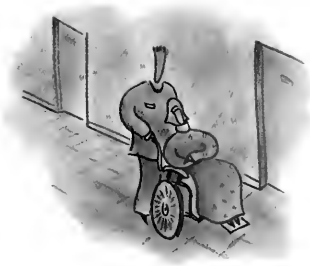

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Erwin H. Harlfinger '61MD

Such devotion is not unusual among Cross-Over volunteers. In fact, says Harlfinger, "I can't tell who is employed and who is just volunteering!"

For 24 years, Dr. Richard Lower worked on Virginia Commonwealth University's MCV Campus as a surgeon, administrator, teacher, researcher, and mentor on the faculty. In 1968, he performed one of the earliest heart transplants, the first at the MCV Campus. After his retirement, Lower operated a ranch in Montana for six years. When he returned to Virginia, he decided to volunteer at Cross-Over. Renewing his lapsed medical license took six months of intensive study and sitting for a national exam. He laughingly admits that he "enjoys a challenge," but says he took pleasure in regaining the general medical knowledge he lost during his years as a specialist.

Lower now volunteers for a few hours almost every day, except during the months he spends in Montana. He works primarily with Cross-Over's outreach medical program, a traveling health clinic that coordinates with local soup kitchens to offer medical care to patients at seven different sites each week. Patients receive basic medical care and advice on how to stay well. The program is known as the Jerome Runner Clinic, in honor of a homeless man who left his life savings of $150 to Cross-Over.

Lower confesses the outreach clinic is "like a vacation" compared to his former responsibilities on the MCV Campus. "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it," but his main reason for volunteering is "the same as any other doctor—I want to use whatever talents I have as a way of giving back to the community."

Dr. James E. Temple '56MD, an anesthesiologist and family practitioner, retired thirteen years ago. He volunteers weekly at Cross-Over and says, "The Cross-Over health center is a godsend to people in need in this community. There is a strong sense of purpose among all the staff and they carry out their duties happily."

Cardiovascular specialist **Dr. William Holland, '62MD** began volunteering at Cross-Over less than six months after retiring. When asked how he feels about his visits to the clinic, Holland begins to describe the need to serve the indigent population. He pauses, then declares, "I love it and it's a blessing to me."

"People outside the medical profession don't often recognize," says **Dr. Robert Bennett '72MD**, "that when

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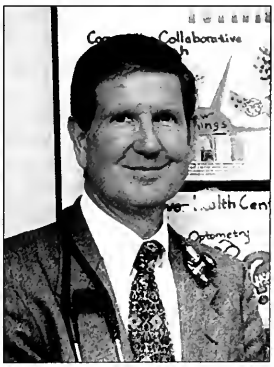

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someone goes into a healing profession, they are implicitly stating that they want to help people." Bennett retired from full-time practice as an invasive cardiologist three years ago and began consulting in the emerging field of disease management. He is now working toward a master's degree in systems engineering at the University of Virginia. Despite this busy schedule, Bennett makes time to volunteer every Wednesday afternoon at Cross-Over. "The bottom line," he states firmly, "is that I'm getting more out of the encounter than they are."

Dianne Jewell, an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the VCU School of Allied Health, believes that her volunteer service at Cross-Over benefits her professionally. "It stimulates my creativity," she says. Because equipment and space are limited, she explains, "I have to think 'out of the box' to find the best way to help patients." Unable to see patients two or three times a week, as she would in most physical therapy situations, Jewell has been impressed by her patients' dedication to working on their own recovery between visits with exercises she gives them. "It says something about people's desire to get better," she observes, "that they will work with whatever resources you can offer them."

Physical therapy is a new service at Cross-Over, and Jewell plans to develop it into a learning opportunity for physical therapy students at VCU. "The health center staff has been absolutely fabulous," she adds. "You walk in the door and they're so delighted to see you."

Dr. Paul Wiley '76DDS spent two decades as a dentist in the Navy, serving for several years as White House dentist to President Clinton. Now a faculty member at the VCU School of Dentistry, Wiley enjoys using his skills to help those less fortunate. "Here in our own backyard," he explains, "there are a whole lot of people that desperately need dental care." Wiley sees a gamut of problems and provides intervention such as fillings, gum treatment, or tooth removal. "When I get there," he says, before leaving for his monthly visit to Cross-Over, "there will probably be several people there waiting, in pain."

Dr. John Mason '60DDS also volunteers as a dentist at Cross-Over. Retired since 1995, Mason likes "to keep my hands in dentistry a little," and he appreciates the opportunity to maintain relationships with other health care professionals during his weekly visits. "Volunteers are very appreciated here," he adds. "This is especially true within the dental program because of a volunteer shortage in that area. With a few more dentist volunteers, the dental room at Cross-Over could be used twice as much."

The new physical therapy services and the dental program are part of Cross-Over's commitment to providing a "continuum of care." In addition, Cross-Over maintains a Community Health Referral Network of 77 physicians, including a broad variety of specialists, who accept referrals from Cross-Over when patients have needs that cannot be met at the Center.

Cross-Over reaches even deeper into the community through its Lay Health Promoters program, which educates citizens in the poorest areas of the city to serve as links between their neighborhoods and the health care system. In the past seven years, over 300 individuals have attended classes through this program, taking life-saving health information back to their communities.

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Boldt calls volunteers the "lifelines" of the Cross-Over program. "Everybody [at Cross-Over] could be making more money elsewhere," observes Bennett. But they all have one very simple goal: to provide care with dignity to all those in need. As Wiley says: "it's the right thing to do."

Cross-Over welcomes donations and volunteers. For more information, call Gizette Moss at **(804) 233-9167**

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Grand Rounds

Among the Best

Nine VCU graduate programs rank among the top twenty in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2002 rankings of America's Best Graduate Schools. Six programs rated highly last year received high marks again this year: health services administration, nursing administration, rehabilitation counseling, social work, physical therapy and occupational therapy. (Not all areas are rated every year.)

"It's really a combination of great leadership, great faculty and fabulous students. When you have that kind of situation, it's pretty easy," Dr. Cecil Drain, dean of VCU's School for Allied Health Professions told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.* Drain continued, singling out Rehabilitative Counseling for special praise. "In 1997 when I hired Dr. Brian McMahon as chair, that department wasn't even ranked." Emphasizing distance learning, increased grants and research, "it's skyrocketed."

Here's how VCU lines up:

5 Sculpture
7 Rehabilitative Counseling (tied)
8 Health Services Administration
9 Nursing Service Administration (three-way tie)
10 Nurse Anesthesia, Community Health
13 Social Work (four-way tie)
15 Physical Therapy (four-way tie)
16 Drug and Alcohol Abuse
19 Fine Arts, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy
50 Clinical Psychology, Creative Writing
51 Public Affairs
52 Nursing

VCU plans to do even better, expanding its research strengths to move from the magazine's third-ranked tier of universities, into the second.

Help Wanted

Hundreds of job vacancies are cutting into profits at the VCU Health System. "If we could fill open positions, it could cut overtime and use of agency nurses significantly," chief operating officer Donna Katen-Bahensky told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

Katen-Bahensky cited as many as 430 unfilled jobs, including 130 nurse positions. Nurses, particularly for specialized jobs in critical care units and operating rooms, are in great demand throughout the region.

As of March 31, the hospital had spent $169 million on wages and benefits, $9 million more than in the same period last fiscal year. Nevertheless, VCU Health System remained in the black with revenue exceeding expenses by about $2 million.

Commencement

"You can do anything with your lives. You have to find one thing that you're absolutely passionate about....craft the life that best suits you. If not, life will create one for you." **David Baldacci '83BA/H&S**, international best-selling author at VCU Commencement on May 19. President Eugene Trani presented honorary doctorates to Baldacci and former White House correspondent Helen Thomas. VCU awarded 4,332 professional, graduate and baccalaureate degrees for 2001.

Match-making

On March 22, National Match Day, 84 percent of the fourth-year medical students at VCU matched to one of their top three residency site choices, and 60 percent matched to their first choice. Students were placed in hospitals across the country, representing 31 different states and the District of Columbia. VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals received an influx of new graduates from 60 medical schools across the country into its 135 residency positions.

Nobel Prize Winner Given Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Alan G. MacDiarmid, who shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2000, received an honorary doctorate at the VCU School of Engineering, February 16.

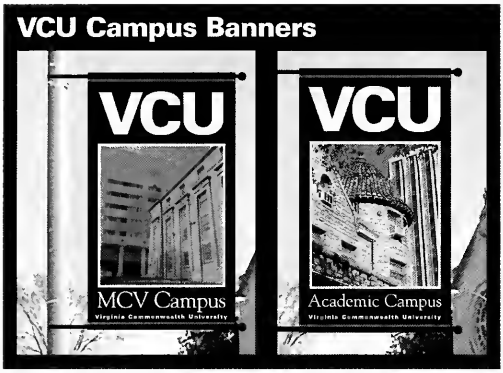
"[Our discovery that polymers, including plastics, could conduct electricity] is still bearing new applications, like a tree full of plums. More and more, people are picking at these," MacDiarmid told the audience. Scientists are developing conducting polymers for use as anti-static coating on photographic film; anti-static floor tiles; liquid crystal displays; stealth radar avoidance systems; and throw-away electronic devices made of plastics and paper. "It's sort of a fun area."

MacDiarmid (right) and longtime colleague, Dr. Kenneth Wynne, VCU professor of chemical engineering hold prototype rechargeable batteries made with conducting polymers.

New Image

VCU is getting an image boost. Beginning with a bold new yellow-gold and black logo, the comprehensive marketing effort includes everything from letterhead and brochures to ads, signs, decals, and street banners.

Vice President of University Outreach Sue Ann Messmer tapped into VCU's existing talent and resources to develop the new image and marketing campaign. VCU graphic designer Kevin E. Schindler designed the logo. A trio of graduate advertising students worked together on



the corresponding slogan, "Degrees of Experience." Professors Robert D. Holsworth and Pamela Kiecker organized focus groups and did opinion polls.

VCU often receives attention for individual schools, such as the medical school and arts school, but this marketing push brings the whole University together. The campaign also aims to increase enrollment of out-of-state students and raise VCU's ranking among American universities.

In May, the Board of Visitors promoted Messmer from vice provost to vice president for University Outreach. Messmer has been at VCU since 1973, first teaching art history and since 1985 as an administrator. Her recent responsibilities for VCU included VCU marketing and communications, community outreach, international programs and enrollment services. "For almost 30 years, I have had the great pleasure of promoting VCU to our audiences locally, nationally and internationally," she sums up, adding that she is happy to continue to oversee marketing, communications and recruitment for the University.

In addition to promoting Messmer to her newly created post, the University is hiring a marketing director, establishing a recruiting network, and offering financial incentives to its schools for increasing out-of-state enrollments.

Fresh Off the Press

A new journal, launched by two VCU surgeons, will focus on advancements in surgical technology, distance learning, and international medicine. In the inaugural March/April issue of *New Surgery*, editor-in-chief Dr. Ronald Merrell tells readers, "Old and current surgery techniques are not good enough and the new surgery we need is not yet ready."

Ronald Merrell

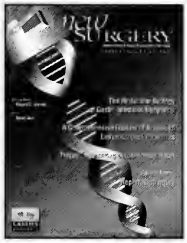
As VCU chief of surgery and director of the NASA Commercial Space Center based at MCV, Merrell is known for his interest in technological innovations and their application in the operating room. Merrell anticipates a future in which telemedicine will make real-time consulting and intervention commonplace, while artificial intelligence and robotics regularly supplement surgeons' expertise.

Rifat Latifi

Dr. Rifat Latifi, editor of *New Surgery*, is a VCU trauma surgeon who also serves as director of Education and Distance Learning for the NASA center. Latifi travels with Merrell to introduce telemedicine around the globe.

New Surgery will be published bi-monthly by Landes Bioscience Publications and is available by subscription, on newsstands, and online.

Landes Bioscience has also published a new book edited by Merrell and Latifi. The book, entitled *Nutritional Support in Cancer and Transplant Patients* addresses the vital question of how to best offer nutritional support to cancer and transplant patients.



"The development of modern and sophisticated surgical techniques, powerful chemotherapy, and radiation protocols will prove to be nothing but abstract achievements if they are applied to a severely malnourished and dying cancer or transplant patient," Latifi explains.

The book is dedicated to Dr. Stanley Dudrick, who pioneered the use of intravenous nutritional support and was Dr. Latifi's mentor in the field of surgical nutrition.

Tissue Studies

Researchers at VCU have formed a public-private partnership to start Tissue Technologies, a new company focused on developing wound repair products and other biomaterials.

Company founders Dr. I. Kelman Cohen, a professor of surgery at VCU, and Dr. Peter Stevens have spent years studying how wounds heal. Currently, they are collaborating with agricultural experts to create a dressing material that will help the healing process. The researchers hope this bandage-like covering made out of cotton will absorb substances that prevent a wound from healing. The treatment would be an inexpensive, non-pharmacological option for wound management.

Another VCU researcher involved in Tissue Technologies, Dr. Helen L. Fillmore, is working on a treatment for the brain cell deterioration caused by Parkinson's disease. Fillmore isolates single cells from the brain tissue of cadavers and stimulates the cells to divide. Based on previous research, she believes that the single cells may differentiate into neurons, which could then be transplanted into the brains of animal models with symptoms like Parkinson's patients. The ultimate goal for human application would be to harvest brain cells from patients with early signs of Parkinson's disease and use them to grow healthy replacement cells.

Women in Medicine

Although women make up more than half of the VCU School of Medicine's incoming class, they make up only one-third of the faculty. This lack of gender parity in leadership positions is common within medical schools across the nation.

In March, the 9th Annual Women in Medicine Conference addressed this and

other issues. Keynote speaker Bernice Sandler, an author and senior scholar in residence at the National Association for Women in Education, spoke on the conference theme, "Changing the Culture." Sandler discussed how women and men are treated differently in workplace and educational settings, and the steps that can be taken to change the situation. "The behaviors are small and hardly noticed, but they add up" she told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

The MCV Campus also hosted female high school students from across Virginia for "Young Women in Medicine Day" to inspire them to pursue a career in medicine. They shared lunch and conversation with medical students, learned about the medical school application process, and heard from a panel of five VCU doctors.

New Life Sciences Building Named for Dr. & Mrs. Trani

The new $28.1 million dollar Life Sciences Building will be named in honor of President Eugene Trani, Ph.D. and his wife Lois Trani.

Scheduled to open this fall, it will incorporate the latest in modern instructional technology. All seats in the smaller classrooms and benches in laboratory classrooms will be wired for computer use. A 2,000-square-foot greenhouse with computer-controlled screens and roof panels will allow researchers to mimic a broad range of climate conditions. An aquatics center includes research-grade saltwater and freshwater tanks. Walk-in storage freezers and environmental chambers are wired for temperature regulation.

The building is part of an ambitious biomedical sciences teaching and research initiative intended to bring together the academic and medical campuses at VCU. The Life Sciences Initiative expects to attract millions of newly available federal, foundation, and private industry research dollars in areas such as gene research, drug development, and emerging fields like bioinformatics, which uses computer technology to analyze and manage biological data.

The initiative will bring more faculty to the University and could also become a major draw for graduate students. New five-year programs will offer master's degrees in forensics, environmental sciences, biotechnology, and bioinformatics.

Dr. Thomas Huff, VCU professor of microbiology and immunology, was approved by the VCU board of visitors as the first vice provost for Life Sciences. Huff has served as interim vice provost for life sciences since April 2000.

"We are in the midst of a scientific explosion—our knowledge and understanding of the nature of life is growing by leaps and bounds," said Huff. "VCU students in the life sciences must be given the tools to achieve scientific literacy, which includes not only scientific knowledge, but an understanding of science's policy and ethical implications."

Molecular Diagnostic Lab Expands

An expansion of VCU's Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory will allow new genetic testing technologies to help physicians choose the best possible treatment for HIV and cancer patients.

"Most people are familiar with DNA tests that are used by law enforcement to distinguish between suspects in a crime," Dr. Carleton Garrett, medical director of the new lab explains. "Using the same type of technology, we use molecular testing to analyze the DNA and RNA of viruses and bacteria that cause diseases, illnesses and disorders."

The expanded lab offers two new diagnostic technologies. The first detects mutations in HIV that make the virus resistant to drugs designed to fight it. This is the first large-scale effort to use molecular testing to tailor drugs more precisely to individual patients. Second, the lab will begin using DNA chip technology, a useful tool in cancer diagnosis and treatment because it can evaluate the thousands of genetic mutations present in a single tumor.

VCU's lab is a hybrid that combines the highly specialized abilities of biotechnology research labs with the rigorous quality control procedures required in clinical testing facilities. With this flexibility, the lab can translate research advances into tests that are useful for patient care. The 6,400-square-foot space includes two large testing laboratories, state-of-the-art equipment and safety features, patient waiting rooms, offices and meeting space. Garrett points out that the lab is an important part of VCU Life Sciences. This lab supports VCU's clinical and basic science research programs on both campuses.

Free Access

VCU is now the only academic medical center in the nation with free on-line access to the *New England Journal of Medicine.*

In exchange for one year of free access, the *NEJM* will monitor VCU usage to collect information such as what parts of the journal are accessed most often and what time of day they are accessed. The editors at the *NEJM* hope this pilot program will help them decide how best to distribute the e-version of the journal.

Dr. Richard Wenzel, VCU chair of internal medicine and NEJM editorial member for the past eight years, initiated the mutually beneficial arrangement. "What this does is give the journal an idea of how an academic medical center would use the e-version if it was made totally accessible," Wentzel explains. And the free access, he says, "saves the cost of the journal and enables rapid access to peer-reviewed research."

More Construction at Stony Point

A specialty surgical center for ophthalmology and otolaryngology is being added to VCU Health System's multi-specialty outpatient facility at Stony Point in southwest Richmond. This joint venture between Richmond Eye & Ear Hospital and the VCU Health System is scheduled to open in spring 2002.

The 25,000-square-foot Surgical Specialty Center will include six operating rooms, four of which will be dedicated to ophthalmology and otolaryngology. The center may also offer services such as orthopedic and general surgical procedures. A 45,000-square-foot medical office building is attached to the surgical center.

Richmond Eye & Ear Hospital plans to relocate to this new facility when it is completed and the VCU Health System will purchase its current East Marshall street site.

VCU Buys Capitol Medical Center

VCU purchased the Capitol Medical Center building at Grace and Laurel Street in the Fan from Paracelsus Healthcare Corp. for $6.5 million. The Houston-based company sold the hospital as part of a financial restructuring. VCU plans to do some minor renovations on the facility and house 167 students there this fall, University Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Timmreck told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. VCU Health System will lease approximately 58,000 square feet for offices.

Dr. Trani Appointed President of VCU Health System

VCU President Eugene Trani was installed as president of the VCU Health System after the VCU Health System board of directors voted to revise the health system's bylaws.

The purpose of naming the president of VCU as the president of the VCU Health System, according to board members W. Baxter Perkinson Jr., DDS, and Jay Weinberg, JD, "is to strengthen the ties between the academic and clinical mission of the University and the Health System so that they remain linked beyond President Trani's tenure."

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Hermes Kontos remains responsible for the day-to-day management of the health system. The president and CEO will coordinate planning and goals to meet the mutual interests of the University and the health system.

Exceeding Expectations

VCU research funding grew by $12 million to $136 million in the last year. The 10 percent growth exceeded expectations and passed the $135 million target set for 2002. "We didn't think we'd do it in the first year," said Dr. Marsha R. Torr, VCU's vice president for research, "but we have." Federal funds for research grew 17 percent.

VCU ranked 107th in the country in total research spending in 1999. Its goal is to be in the top 75 research universities. To raise its standing, VCU needs to add about $10 million annually to its research funding over the next four years, says Torr.

Funding Success

The VCU Department of Internal Medicine currently leads the way in an ongoing effort to increase federal research grant funding.

Awards from the National Institutes of Health to department faculty have more than doubled from $6.4 million in 1995 to $16.4 million in 2000. Over the past year, the department also won $9.6 million in state, foundation, and industry awards.

Dr. Richard Wenzel, department chairman since 1995, maintains a strong focus on research as a top priority and has received much of the credit for the department's funding success. Wentzel focuses on recruiting talented new faculty, supporting current researchers, and developing young researchers. The department also gives financial rewards to faculty who consistently win research awards and has councils within each division to review and make suggestions on grant applications prior to submission.

Finding Balance

A VCU researcher received $917,000 from the NIH to support research studying the link between the vestibular system, the inner-ear component that deals with balance, and neuromuscular development. The study hopes to find out if there is a critical age in development when the vestibular system must be developed in order for the muscles that control a person's eyes and balance to mature properly.

Dr. Mary Snyder Shall '91PhD/M-BH, interim chair and associate professor of physical therapy, is the principal investigator for the four-year study. "My main motivation," Shall says, "is to figure out exercises that will help people rehabilitate and to understand when is the right time to help a child develop normal balance reactions."

Focus on Parkinson's

Dr. Kathryn Holloway, associate professor of surgery at VCU, is working to fine-tune the latest surgical procedure for Parkinson's patients who no longer respond to medication. The procedure, known as deep brain stimulation, involves implanting small electrodes in the brain to control the tremors caused by the disease.

Holloway's innovative work has helped McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center obtain a four-year grant totaling approximately $4.5 million dollars. The money will allow McGuire to treat more veterans, continue tests of new drug treatments, and try out other rehabilitation approaches.

McGuire was chosen from among 18 veterans' hospitals in part because of its affiliation with VCU researchers.

Geriatric Care

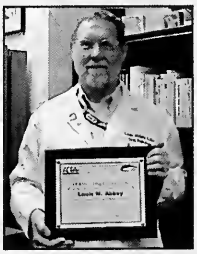
Both the Schools of Medicine and Nursing received grants this spring to expand education in geriatric care.

The School of Medicine has a four-year, $1.8 million grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, which VCU will match by half for a $2.7 million investment in geriatric education. Using courses and seminars, developing interactive curricula and Web sites, and a new two-week rotation for residents, VCUHS will give doctors much more information about care issues for older people. A Geriatric Quick Consult Web site and further graphics and videos will reach VCU Health System and community doctors as well. Only ten schools, including Yale and Cornell, received these grants.

Rita Jablonski, a predoctoral scholar in gerontology in the School of Nursing, received a $100,000 scholarship to expand research and curriculum in the field from the Hartford Foundation in Washington. Jablonski's clinical specialty is adults with chronic diseases. Her research focuses on improving nursing education.

Feeding Babies

A VCU researcher will use a $1.5 million grant from the NIH to study the feeding abilities of preterm infants. **Dr. Rita Pickler '98C(NP)/N,** associate professor of maternal-child nursing and principal investigator for the project, hopes to develop reliable criteria for determining when preterm babies are ready to bottle feed.



The study will also explore ways to help preterm babies become better feeders. Preterm babies must be able to feed orally before they can go home from the hospital, which means they must master the functions of sucking, swallowing, and breathing.

Teaching Excellence

Louis M. Abbey, D.M.D. received the first ever ADEA/Block Drug Corporation Atridox Excellence in Teaching Award from the American Dental Education Association. The $2,500 award recognizes excellence and innovation in dental education.

Abbey is vice-chair in VCU's Department of Oral Pathology. He developed a computerized system that simulates patient visits, enabling students to interact with the computer as if it were a real patient while receiving constructive feedback from a built-in tutor.

Nursing Hall of Fame

At a banquet celebrating the centennial of the Virginia Nurses Association, 10 women won posthumous honors for their lifelong contributions to the advancement of nursing, including Sadie Heath Cabaniss and **Nora Spencer Hamner '14/N.** The honorees are the first women to be inducted into the Virginia Nursing Hall of Fame.

Cabaniss was the first superintendant of the Old Dominion Hospital Training School, one of the predecessors to today's VCU School of Nursing, and has been described as the initiator of professional nursing in Virginia.

Hamner is believed to be the first Virginia nurse with public health training. She was a field nurse in 47 counties during World War I and a leader in tuberculin care. Hamner was the first woman to serve on the MCV Board of Visitors and to receive an honorary degree from the school.

Breakthrough Anti-Cancer Drug

VCU chemist, Dr. Nicholas Farrell helped to develop a new drug that attacks cancer cells by interrupting the replication of the cell's DNA. The drug, known as BBR3464, is expected to benefit patients with ovarian cancer, which affects nearly 25,000 women in the United States each year. It will also treat lung, pancreatic, and skin cancers, which rarely respond to current chemotherapy.

BBR3464 is the first new platinum-based drug in nearly three decades, although drugs like cisplatin and carboplatin have been used to treat cancer since 1978. "This drug breaks the pattern of what we considered necessary for a platinum compound to have anti-tumor activity," says Farrell. Because the new drug is much more potent than cisplantin, it can be given in much lower doses, minimizing side effects.

"If the second round of studies proves successful," Farrell said, "the drug could rapidly be approved by the FDA."

VCU vs. VRE

A new study published by a VCU researcher in the May 10 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* indicates that aggressive infection control practices can effectively reduce the spread of an important antibiotic-resistant pathogen. The three-year study followed the implementation of aggressive infection control practices within a group of health care facilities following an outbreak of vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE). (Vancomycin is the antibiotic of last resort against hard-to-treat infections.) The prevalence of VRE decreased significantly in the long-term care facilities and was eliminated in the acute care facilities.

The study's lead author is Dr. Belinda Otrowsky, assistant professor of internal medicine and associate epidemiologist at VCU. "This program should be viewed as a model for action," said Otrowsky. "Comprehensive efforts to identify and isolate patients who are colonized with vancomycin-resistant enterococci can reduce the transmission of these strains and even eradicate them."

VCU researchers also head a national epidemiological study of potentially fatal bloodstream infections caused by VRE.

"The study will look in depth at the patients who developed VRE bloodstream infections to characterize their conditions, course of treatment and the units in which they were cared for," explains VCU epidemiologist Dr. Michael Edmond, chair of the study.

Dr. Richard Wenzel, VCU chair of internal medicine, is principal investigator of the Surveillance and Control of Pathogens of Epidemiologic Importance network, the group directing the VRE study.

Liver Dialysis Study

Dr. Mitchell L. Shiffman, VCU professor of internal medicine and medical director of the VCU Health System's Hepatology-Liver Transplant Program, is one of four principal U.S. investigators taking part in a national multi-center study comparing the effectiveness of liver dialysis against traditional medical therapy in treating patients whose liver disease is also affecting their brain tissue. The other co-investigators are researchers from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Denver. VCU Health System's MCV Hospitals recently acquired a new portable liver dialysis unit from HemoTherapies Inc.

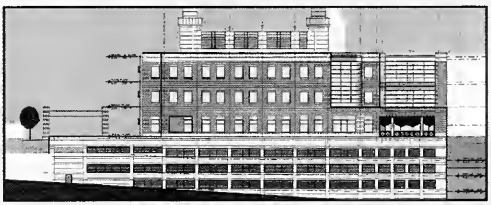
Laser Helps Fix Baby's Heart

Six-month-old Hannah Osborne was born without an opening where her pulmonary valve should have been, preventing blood from flowing to her lungs to pick up oxygen before circulating throughout her body.

Instead of the traditional surgical approach of using a wire to poke a hole that would allow blood to flow, Dr. On Topaz, an interventional cardiologist in the VCU Health System, threaded a small laser through a vein in Hannah's leg up to her heart. The laser then released small bursts of energy to vaporize tissue and successfully created an opening.

"You have to be very precise," Topaz told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.* "You have to look simultaneously from two angles. The size of the baby's heart is perhaps the size of an egg, so there is not much room for a maneuver correction."

The procedure has only been performed a few times in the United States, and it is unclear at this time whether it will become the preferred method of treatment for this type of heart defect. After the VCU physicians have performed several more of these procedures they will write up the results and submit the cases for medical journal publication.



Massey Gets a Jump on Cancer

A $10 million private donation from the Massey Foundation and Massey family jump-started VCU's Massey Cancer Center's $71 million fund-raising campaign to increase the Center's resources and profile in the fight against cancer. The multi-year campaign will draw from both public and private sources to construct a $26 million research building adjoining the Cancer Center. The current Center is one of only 60 National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers in the nation.

The campaign aims even higher, to make Massey a "comprehensive" cancer center. This would give local health care providers cutting edge technology for their patients, bring research dollars into the facility and enhance downtown Richmond. "It will allow us to grow our cancer research, and to translate basic discoveries into new treatments," said Center director, Dr. Gordon Ginder. The 60,000 square-foot building will add 54 laboratories.

"We hope this is not the last or largest gift given," Rebecca Massey, a Center board member, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.* "Cancer affects everyone. We want the community to embrace this campaign." Forty-one million dollars will be raised from private sources, with state contributions of $13 million and federal support of $4 million. The goal includes the existing $12.9 million cancer clinic at Stony Point funded by the VCU Health System.

Vital Signs

*Member of the MCV Alumni Association of VCU
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Our Mistake
In the last edition of Scarab *(Spring 2001) It was stated that Michele Laneve was working as a physical therapist at Chesapeake Physical Therapy, which was not correct. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

1930s

***Rachael Beasley Rooke '37BS/N** is still very active with the Museum of the Confederacy—Elder Hostels and her church. Rooke lives in Richmond.

1940s

***Joseph Conduff '43DDS** recently retired from Cardinal Bankshares Corporation and Bank of Floyd in Floyd County, VA, after 33 years of dedicated service to the institution. Conduff has been vice president, president and , since 1992, chairman of the board.

Claude Frazier '44MD retired in 1999 after 40 years of allergy practice and authoring and editing over 30 books. His most recent book is "Miners and Medicine," which deals with medical issues in Appalachia. Frazier spends most of his time at the Homestead in Hot Springs, VA and traveling, including trips on the Oriental Express.

Gustave Lasoff '44DDS is currently a professor of orthodontics at New York University's School of Dentistry.

***Francis Payne Jr. '47MD** of Petersburg, VA, lost his wife of many years, Elizabeth Payne, on December 31, 2000.

1950s

Jean Harris '55MD was among nine African Americans honored by Dominion Virginia Power as "Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership." Harris was the first African American to attend MCV and the first secretary of human resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has taught at several universities and established the J.L. Harris Scholarship for minority students at Virginia Union University in Richmond. She is currently the mayor of Eden Prairie, Minn.

***Hubert Kiser Jr. '57DDS** has been reappointed as a consultant and examiner for the phase III examination for the American Board of Orthodontists. This is the fourth term he has served. Kiser lives in Bluefield, WV.

Brownie Polly '58DDS has been inducted into the Wellmont Foundation's Three Star Gala Hall of Fame for raising funds that helped build Lonesome Pine Hospital three decades ago. Last year he also received the William P. Kanto Memorial Award for significant service to public education in Southwest Virginia. Polly and his wife live in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Philip Thomas '51MD was recently honored with the Outstanding Contributions to the Medical Profession Award, given by Obici Hospital's Clinical Conference, for the years of service given to the village of Chuckatuck. The award is given to physicians across Hampton Roads, VA.

1960s

Boyd Clements '68BS/P '72MD has joined the Urbanna Family Practice as a family practice physician. Clements and his family live in Gloucester, VA.

****Carl Enswiller '62BS/P** received the 2000 J. Leon Lascoff Memorial Award from the American College of Apothecaries. It is the college's highest award given and is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to professional pharmacy. Enswiller owns a pharmacy in Leesburg, VA..

***Bob Eshleman '60DDS** has been "hamming" it up for a long time and recently received the recognition he always hoped for. A ham radio operator for 44 years, Eshleman was presented the Clinton B. DeSoto Cup from the American Radio Relay League in January for making contact with the most countries on the most ham radio bands. In May he was the 40th person in history to be elected into the CQ magazine DX Hall of Fame. "To know that he's the top gun in the whole country—the whole world, not just America—is really pretty overwhelming. It's been exciting to be a part of this journey for the last 44 years," said his wife, Rosalie. They live in Midlothian, VA.

Richard Hardy '62MS(RC)/AH has written the book "Woodpeckers Don't Get Headaches— The Psychology of Stress, Addiction and Relationships." Hardy is professor and chairman emeritus and a licensed clinical psychologist. Hardy lives in Richmond.

****IsaBella Laude '66MS(RC)AH** was honored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She was recognized for her significant contributions to the mission of the AAUW Educational Foundation. Laude is the current editor of *"Music Club Magazine"* the official publication of the National Federation of Music Clubs. She lives in Babson Park, FL.

Connie Lundberg '66BS (OT)/AH recently left Connecticut Children's Medical Center after 30 years and works for a public school system. She also earned her MA in neuroscience from the University of Hartford. Lundberg would love to hear from any classmates that graduated from RPI in 1966. She lives in Newington, CT.

***Barbara Muller '62BS/P** is assistant pharmacy manager for Kroger in Troutville, VA.

Linda Oprean '67BS/N is the owner of the Medical Center of Alexandria in Alexandria, VA.

***T. Carroll Player '63DDS** was recently installed as a trustee for the American Dental Association. Player is a general dentist in Florence, SC.

Richard Rashid '62MD is now limiting his practice to laser vision correction, after 33 years of practicing general ophthalmology. Rashid's daughter will be entering a residency in ophthalmology in 2002 and plans to specialize in pediatric ophthalmology. His son is in his second year of an internal medicine residency. Rashid lives in Charleston, WV.

Bell-Jo Rodgers '60BS/N was honored by the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation with the Healthcare Hero Award. Rodgers was honored for her work with The Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg,

which she co-founded in the '70s. The Hospice Support Care is a volunteer-based, nonmedical program that serves terminally ill patients and their families. It provides the patients with respite care at home, volunteer assistance, and supplies and equipment when needed. "My father gave so much while he was dying. He allowed us to learn at his feet; to observe what it is to die with dignity," Rodgers said. "He got me where I am today."

***Harry Simpson '61DDS** recently retired from general dental practice after 39 years. Simpson continues to serve as chairperson for V.D.A. Caring, which is a dentist peer assistance state committee.

***Peter Trager '68DDS** has been appointed to the Georgia Board of Dentistry by Governor Roy Barnes. Trager continues to practice general dentistry in Marietta.

1970s

Demetra Bakas '76BS(PT)/AH recently published "Black-eyed Susan: A Story of Hope for Children and Families." Bakas is a writer in Greensboro, NC.

***Jim Bowman '79MD** received his MS in Management from NC State University in May 2000. Currently he is the associate medical director with CIGNA Health Care of North Carolina in Raleigh.

Patricia Smith Conroy '78BS/N is a clinical nurse II at Centra Health in Lynchburg, VA.

***Shelley Conroy '77BS/N '83MS/N** has been appointed chair of the Division of Professional and Technical Studies at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA. Her responsibilities include the supervision of a large two-campus academic division that offers several degrees, certificate programs, course evaluations and development, program assessment and long-range planning.

****Joseph Dawson '74MHA (HA)/AH** has been appointed by the Governor to serve a three-year term on the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission. The commission considers applications for certificates of need, permits granted for the establishment or modification of health care facilities or services.

Dennis Dixon '79PhD (M&I)/M-BH received the 2001 Maxwell L. Littman Award in Mycology from the Medical Mycology Society of New York. The award is given to an individual who has made a major contribution to the field of mycology. Dixon has authored over 60 scientific articles, primarily on topics in mycology. He has made many contributions to the field including the characterization of dematiaceous fungal pathogens in nature and the development of antifungal susceptibility testing for filamentous fungi. Dixon is currently chief of the Bacteriology and Mycology Branch of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Diann Gordon '77BS(DH)/D is now an associate of Ronald Smith, DDS in the practice of Lombard Luckam and Smith in Hayes, VA. Gordon's specialties are root canals, crowns, and bridges. She also does some general dentistry including checkups and fillings. Gordon lives with her family in Gloucester Point.

William "Bill" Harrington '78MD is currently living in the United States with his family after spending the last few years in Tanzania. He works with Health South Family Practice and the Medical Department at the International Mission Board. Bill will be starting a new ministry of a no-holds-barred weekly forum on tough issues of faith.

***B. Allen Huffman '72BS/P** has been elected 2001-2003 Region 4 Director of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. Huffman is currently manager at the Chesterfield Crossing Ukrop's store. Huffman lives in Richmond.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson '73BS(MT)/AH is one of only a handful of women who serve as a "Ringman" or auctioneer. She recently became certified and now has her own business, OAL, or Q Auction and Liquidation Inc. based in Winston-Salem, NC.

***John O'Bannon III '73MD** was recently elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. O'Bannon won the Republican Party's nomination over five other candidates. He is a neurologist in Henrico County.

***Marsha Madigan '75MD** has been appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve on the Discipline Board.

Frederick Meyer '74DDS has been awarded the prestigious Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. This is quite an honor because of the rigorous continuing dental education program in general dentistry. Meyer is in practice with **H. Clifford Lloyd '81DDS.**

J. Daniel Miller '78MS(HA)/AH was recently recognized by the Health Care Resource Guide 2001 as a "Who's Who Among Health Care Executives." Miller is the division president—West Florida Division for HCA-The Healthcare Co. Miller oversees all HCA health care facilities, including hospitals, surgery centers and other interests from Forth Myers to Spring Hill.

***Brian Peck '73MD** has written the book "The Baby Boomer Body Book," a comprehensive medical reference for the layman. It contains 33 chapters about topics of interest to those in their middle years. Peck and his family live in Middlebury, CT.

William Schrantz '70MD is the newest physician at Clarion Hospital in Pennsylvania. Schrantz joined the medical staff and West Penn Orthopaedics. He specializes in the treatment of pediatric cases such as scoliosis, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, bowed legs, in-toeing and club feet.

Elston Seal '71MD of Chapel Hill, NC was inducted into the Hall of Fame at his high school, North Plainfield in New Jersey. The award is given for a lifetime of achievement and is presented to less than 5% of alumni. Seal was honored for research on a wide variety of water and air pollutants. He is an internationally recognized authority on the human health effects of oxidant air pollutants. His research has been instrumental in the establishment of the current U. S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone. Seal is an expert in the field of human research ethics. He advises the E.P.A. National Health and Environmental Effects within the Environmental Protection Agency. He has also been called upon to provide research ethics advice to other federal government agencies including the Department of Energy. He is the author of more than 40 scientific publications, and has served as an invited panelist at a number of scientific meetings. He has also received the U.S. Public Health Service Individual Citation and three Commendation Medals. Seal is a commissioned officer and medical director in the United States Public Health Service .

Sheila Selznick '75BS(OT)/AH and **Bruce Selznick '78MS(A)/B** were recently honored by the National Council of Young Israel with the Shofar Award. The award recognized their service to all aspects of the Shul of Young Israel of Richmond including serving on boards and as presidents.

Ann Taubenheim '78MS/N is a public health advisor for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Bethesda, MD.

Robert Vanarsdall Jr. '70DDS recently published an article supporting his current findings on levels of periodontal pathogens in malaligned teeth. Vanarsdall found that by moving teeth to a more favorable position within the dental arch, the level of bacterial plaque is dramatically reduced in the absence of additional scaling and root planning. Vanarsdall is in Pennsylvania.

Robert Westbrook '77DDS has opened a new dental office in Irvington, VA. The office is designed for grins and has four toothbrush-shaped columns that hold up the front porch.

Adam Winters '76MD works at the Student Health Center at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

***John Yanni '79MS(P)/M-BH'82PhD(P)/M-BH** has been promoted to vice president of Pharmaceutical Research, R&D at Alcon. Yanni and his family live in Burleson, TX.

1980s

Laurie Messick Adkins '80BS(MT)/AH recently graduated from the College of Health Sciences Roanoke with a BS in Health Sciences. She is employed by the Salem VAMC in Salem, VA.

***Elizabeth Atkinson '83MD** is an ENT with Coastal Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists in St. Mary, GA.

Patti Bagley '85BS(HCM)/AH married Richard Holmes on September 23, 2000. Bagley is a registered nurse at Mary Washington Hospice and Holmes is a pharmacist at Mary Washington Hospital. The couple lives in Fredericksburg, VA.

Constance Bak '82MS(PT)/AH is the director of training and staff development at Virginia Blood Services in Richmond.

Tom Bovee '89BS/P is the new owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Bedford, VA.

Christina Bruns '88BS(PT)/AH married Rodger Krussman on June 17, 2000 in Delaware. The couple lives in Montpelier, VT.

A. Betts Carpenter '83PhD (P)/M-BH is professor and vice-chair of the pathology department at Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington, WV.

****Nancy Manson Coddingtion '81PhD(P&B)/M-BH** of Richmond, lost her father on January 17, 2001. Joseph Manson Jr. was 80. Nancy serves on the MCV Alumni Association Board and is employed with Astra Merck in Richmond.

Robyn Dang '84BS/N is a clinical systems coordinator/analyst with St. David's Medical Center in Austin, TX.

***Devin Donnelly '89MD** is a partner with Women's Health Center of Oregon in Portland.

Debra Epps '84BS/N'93MS/N '96Cert(NP)/N was appointed in 1998 as an assistant professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing in the Division of Community and Mental Health Systems. She and her family now live in Albemarle County, VA.

Robert Esch '80MHA(HA)/AH has been named president of the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Patricia Meyer Guinn '88BS/P and her husband, John would like to announce the birth of Samuel Donald on January 7, 2001. The family lives in Richmond.

Phillip Hartig '80MS(B)/ Hum&Sci '85PhD(P)/M-BH is a research biologist with the United States Environmental Protection Agency in NC.

***Mark Hauser '89DDS** received his board certification in endodontics. Hauser practices in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Keith Hodges '89BS/P has been elected 2001-2002 president of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. Hodges has been very active with a variety of professional organizations. He is currently the owner and operator of Gloucester Pharmacy in Gloucester, VA.

***Mark Hudson '83MS(HA)/AH** has been elected as regent of western North Carolina for the American College of Healthcare Executives. The ACHE is an international professional society of nearly 30,000 healthcare executives. Hudson is vice president of administration services at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, NC and has held a variety of posts there since joining the organization in 1983. Hudson is the author of over 450 articles with more than 40 of these covering health care topics and issues.

Steven Jones '85BS/P is the associate director of home care services at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Emily Keyes '81BS/In '93MS/N is a board-certified psychiatric specialist, and recently completed her PhD at the University of Virginia. In addition to clinical work, Keyes conducts research, writes and teaches, focusing on resilience and adaptation in survivors of war trauma and torture, and other survivors of violence. Most recently she worked with a group of survivor-refugees from Bosnia and Kosovo. She lives in Arlington, VA.

****Colleen Kraft '86MD** is the recipient of the 2001 **Dr. Mickael Kannan '64 '67'68HS-M** Award from VCU's Department of Pediatrics. The award is given annually to members of the department's division of community pediatrics who exemplify the qualities so admired in Dr. Kannan, a beloved Richmond pediatrician. These qualities include: excellence in teaching, being a compassionate caregiver with topnotch clinical skills, and involvement in the community. Kraft lives in Mechanicsville, VA.

R. Alan Larson '89MS(HA)/AH is the new CEO of Brandywine Hospital in PA. Larson recently said "I think of my job like a coach's. A coach doesn't play and I don't deliver health care. A coach is judged on how well he prepares his team and in a lot of ways that's what my job is too."

Apollo Leong '88MD has joined the Braeburn Family Practice and Urgent Care of Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem, VA. Leong provides a full range of care in family medicine including pediatrics, gynecology and adult medicine. He has a particular interest in preventive health maintenance and the treatment of diabetes and hypertension.

***H. Clifford Lloyd '81DDS** has received the prestigious Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. It requires completion of a rigorous continuing dental education program in general dentistry to earn the award. Lloyd is in practice with **Frederick Meyer '74DDS.**

Thomas Mahany '84MD has joined the staff of Defiance Hospital in Defiance, OH, as a general surgeon. His practice will include laparoscopic gall bladder surgery, appendectomies, bowel resections and hernia repairs along with care of breast diseases and digestive tract abnormalities.

B. Scott Mangleburg '87BS/P is currently a pharmacist with Walgreens in Tamarac, FL.

Kevin Meyer '89MHA(HA)/AH is the new executive director of Health Planning Agency of Southwest Virginia. Meyer works for a 22- person board of directors under contract to the state to review proposals for major medical facilities and facility

IN PRACTICE

Dr. Bob Quarles '79BS/P

The Doctor is Ringside

By Joan Tupponce

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"One weekend each month, **Dr. Bob Quarles '79BS/P** packs his bags and jets off to join the World Wrestling Federation at one of its pay-per-view events. Quarles, who graduated from VCU's School of Pharmacy in 1979 and now serves as an osteopathic physician in the practice of Melhorn, Melhorn and Quarles, loves professional wrestling. "My dad used to take me to the Richmond Fairgrounds to see wrestling when it wasn't flashy, when it was the old school type of wrestling."

However, his passion for the sport isn't the impetus for his travel. His medical expertise is. Quarles serves as team physician for WWF events around the country.

It was by chance that Quarles began his professional association with wrestling. He was attending the University of Health Sciences' College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri, and had just delved into weight training.

"Several professional wrestlers worked out at the same gym that I did," Quarles says, noting that he's been a fan of the sport since his youth. An opportunity to provide medical coverage during wrestling matches at the Kemper Arena arose and Quarles grabbed it. From that moment forward, he was on hand to handle any medical problems that occurred during wrestling events. He ended his association when he left for his family practice residency in Pittsburgh. When Quarles, a native Richmonder, headed back to his hometown and joined his medical group, the opportunity to provide medical services for wrestling events at the Richmond Coliseum surfaced.

"As time progressed, the injuries [the wrestlers suffered] became more severe," Quarles says. "The WWF thought it was a good idea to have medical guidance or medical coverage all across the country."

Quarles agreed to travel to all pay-per-view events and to establish a network of doctors in each city that hosted WWF events. Doctors are on hand for televised events such as "Raw is War" and "Smackdown." Live events that take place throughout the mid-Atlantic states are covered by Quarles. "It's a work in progress," Quarles explains. He is creating his network through his affiliations with the American Osteopathic Association and American Osteopathic Sports Medicine group, as well as friends and associates. "I try to give osteopathic physicians first crack at it," he adds.

Quarles compares his first Wrestlemania event in Anaheim, California, to working in a MASH unit. "Many of the fellows had lacerations that needed to be sewn and repaired," he recalls. "One of the management team for the WWF asked if I would mind listening to his heart. He had gone into atrial fibrillation. You have to be ready for anything to happen. It's like an emergency room, everything from sniffles to serious trauma."

In his busy Richmond practice, Quarles practices osteopathic medicine with an emphasis on muscular and skeletal problems. "Osteopathic medicine focuses on the whole person, not just the symptoms," he explains. "The body, mind and spirit work together."

Quarles started his medical career as a practicing pharmacist after graduating from VCU's School of Pharmacy. "I had a great education at MCV," he says. "My teachers were great. Pharmacy School Dean Warren Weaver was high quality and high class. He was honest, sincere and he cared about the kids in the class. He made pharmacy school a wonderful experience." A desire to become more involved in the whole process of medicine led Quarles to eventually go on to medical school.

In his practice and his work with the WWF, Quarles, who is certified in acupuncture through training at UCLA, uses acupuncture for pain control.

"The results are so amazing," he says. "Patients who have tried everything else, who have been on every drug, many times get good pain relief or lessening of pain through this modality."

Quarles respects WWF's wrestling team. "I admire and appreciate very much what these guys go through. They do four shows a week usually; that is two TV shows and two non-televised 'house shows.' Their injuries are often all too real. I really can't imagine what it must be like to wrestle in pain day after day."

"This is a great big family," he adds. "They all pull for one another. In order to work for the WWF, you have to be a company man. I am proud to be associated with them."

Quarles is also extremely proud of his wife, Julie, and the couple's two daughters, Jacey and Robyn. He notes that his endeavors would not be achievable without their support. And, if his time was not already tight, Quarles is taking on a new role with his wife at his side. The two are forming their own band—Julie is a professional singer and Quarles plays keyboards. "We're going to focus on British invasion music from the 60s and 70s," Quarles says. "We're having a blast."

Joan Tupponce is an award-winning writer residing in Richmond. A staff writer at Capital One, she also writes for MD News, the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Richmond Magazine.

expansions in Southwest Virginia. Meyer said his mission is "to create equitable access to health care services for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia at a reasonable cost."

Laurie Molinda '87MD has been named the medical director of HealthWorks, the occupational medicine department of Canonsburg General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Molinda is board-certified in both internal and geriatric medicine.

Charles Olsen '81BS(PT)/AH is the new vice president and division manager of the Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Baltimore office. Olsen is responsible for providing complete program management and government liaison services to their clients.

***LeAnne Coker Purvis '85MS(OT)/AH** is living in Pinehurst, NC with her daughters Kristen and Lindsey. Purvis is an OT for Moore County Schools.

Morris Reece '85MHA(HA)/AH has been elected to the Pearisburg Advisory Board for the National Bank (NBB) of VA. Reece is the Administrator/CEO of Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital.

David Rock '87BS/P '91MD has joined the medical staff of Barrow Community Hospital. He is a general, vascular and minimally invasive surgeon.

****Ellen Shinaberry '87BS/P** has been elected the 2001-2003 Region 10 director for the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. Shinaberry is currently working for Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, VA as Pharmacy Supervisor. She is responsible for the day to day operations of both the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies.

***Tammy Stanfield '88BS/P** and husband, Robert, are pleased to announce the birth of their fifth child, Harrison Robert, on November 1, 2000. Stanfield is employed part-time at an independent pharmacy in Johnstown, PA.

Deborah Sutherland '88MD has opened Patient's Care in Myrtle Beach, SC. She provides a wide range of services from general family to women's care.

Laura Thompson '86/N is a RNClin IV / clinical coordinator for the PRO Study with VCU Health Systems.

Timothy Tobin '87MHA(HA)/AH has been named president and chief executive officer of Clinch Valley Medical Center. Tobin said, "Clinch Valley Medical Center has a well established tradition of providing high quality health care to the citizens of Richlands and I am excited about the opportunity to become a part of their health care team."

Elizabeth Vincent '85BS/P married Oak Early in February. Vincent is currently the director of pharmacy at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg. Early is the manager of the Village Inn. The couple lives in Bridgewater, VA.

Peter Yi-ning Wang '88MS(BE)/M-BH is Division IP counsel for the National Semiconductor Corporation in Santa Clara, CA.

Terence Whitehead '84PhD(M&I)/M-BH has been appointed adjunct associate professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at Ohio State University.

***Gayle Whittaker '85MS(HA)/AH** is the billing manager at Neuroscience and Spine Associates in Naples, FL.

Stephen Yang '84MD has been promoted to chief of thoracic surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, where he is associate professor of surgery and oncology, and director of the Lung Transplantation and Thoracic Oncology Programs. He and his transplant program were recently featured on the ABC News "Hopkins 24/7" program and on the Discovery Medicine Channel. Yang is in Baltimore, MD.

1990s

Amin Azzam '99MD is a psychiatry resident at the University of California at San Francisco.

Joel Backer '96MD is the owner and physician of Shenandoah Women's Center in Front Royal, VA. Backer's center includes normal and high-risk pregnancies, treatment of fertility problems, gynecologic and laparoscopic surgery.

Robert Bashore '97MHA(HA)/AH has been named associate administrator for Chippenham and Johnston-Willis Medical Centers. Bashore is responsible for administrative oversight of the medical centers' Hospice, Pharmacy, Laboratory Services, and Radiation Oncology.

Patrick Billings '96MS(HA)/AH is the executive director of the LeBauer Medical Center in Greensboro, NC.

****Cheryl Bradford Billingsley '90DDS** has been awarded a patent for a dental composite condensing instrument. Billingsley has a cosmetic and family practice in Richmond.

****Victoria Blankenship '92BS/P** and ****David Blankenship '91MS(HA)/AH** are happy to announce the birth of William Martin on March 28. Vicky is a pharmacy manager with Walgreens and David is manager of Group Administration with Trigon. The family lives in Richmond.

Lori Blosser-Milton '95BS/P is currently a pharmacy manager with Ukrop's in Fredericksburg, VA

William Bradley III '95MD is an attending for Cornea Service with New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Jarrod Brown '97DDS married Lisa Tunnicliff on May 19. Brown owns and operates a dental practice in Danville, VA. Tunnicliff is a CPA with Harris, Harvey, Neal and Co., LLP, CPAs.

***Leigh Burke '96BS(P)/H&S '98MS(G)/AH** is the administrator of Brighter Living Assisted Living in Hopewell, VA. Burke has been in health care for over 13 years.

Sue Chafin '93BS/N'96MS/N '00Cert(NP)/N recently received her certification as a diabetes educator (CDE). To achieve the CDE credential demonstrates that the health care professional possess distinct and specialized knowledge and promotes quality of care for patients with diabetes. Chafin works for Hansonville Medical Clinic of Russell County Medical Center in VA.

Cheryl Charity '91BS(HIM)/AH is a senior consultant with KPMG, LLP in Washington, DC.

Jennifer Cundiff '94BS(CRS)/AH married Troy Williams on October 7, 2000 in Richmond. Cundiff is employed by Merck and Company Inc. as a pharmaceutical sales representative. Williams is employed by Froehling and Robertson Inc. as a project engineer.

****Steven Danaceau '92MD** and wife, Jennifer are pleased to announce the birth of Parker Scott, on March 13. Danaceau is currently practicing orthopaedics in Arlington, VA.

Sharie Doucet '96MS(PT)/AH married Michael Ferrell on May 12. Doucet is employed with Southside Virginia Training Center and Ferrell is employed by American Freightways. The couple lives in Richmond.

***Vicki Dowling '92MD** and **Bill Dowling '92MD** are the proud parents of triplets born on January 26, 2001. Vicki Dowling is an OB/Gyn and Bill Dowling is a urologist, both in Baltimore, MD.

Life at 1105

By Dr. William H. Barney '46MD

"April 5, 1943 – March 22, 1946: two years, eleven months and seventeen days. That was the time needed to complete a medical school education during World War II. And I lived all those years at Alumni House, 1105 East Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia. Then it was known as the Theta Kappa Psi House, owned by the professional medical fraternity that was founded at MCV in 1879. After more than fifty years the memories of life there still come back loud and clear.

With my parents, I had come to Richmond in 1943 to enter Medical School and to find a place to live. No student housing was available at that time and most freshmen were leasing apartments in West Richmond, especially in the Fan District. Both my father and I were concerned about the commuting distance from that area and, more important, the rent was more than my father's pocketbook could afford.

While standing in line at the medical bookstore in the basement of McGuire Hall, I was approached by several members of the fraternity who invited me to look at a room available at their house. The location was great, the price was right, and they assured me that living there would not obligate me to join the fraternity. But I did both. I lived there, I joined and I never regretted either.

In 1943, the house had three floors and a basement. The first floor consisted of two large rooms, which was really one room because the two were separated by large sliding doors that were rarely closed. This very large room served as a parlor and our recreation area, with a convenient bar at the back. It was also our Chapter Room for fraternity meetings. On the second and third floors were the living quarters. The first two years I shared a double room on the second floor and my last two years, exercising the rights of seniority, I selected a private room on the third floor looking out on Clay Street.

There was also an "annex," a single story structure which housed a small apartment and a kitchen and dining room, accessed only by way of an open porch leading from the main house. The apartment was usually rented by a senior married student and the kitchen once supplied meals for the residents, a practice abandoned during the war. But we did use the kitchen. We saved our ration coupons and about once a month we would cook ourselves a steak dinner which neither Hunton Hall, the Skull and Bones or other local eateries could match.

There was also a basement, perhaps the most important part of the house. Here was a furnace room, but here lived Mills and his wife. Mills (I am not sure that I ever knew his last name) will never be forgotten by me or, I suspect, by anyone else who lived at 1105 during those years. Mills was black, a small man with a left arm badly crippled by burn scars. The story that was passed down through the fraternity was that once Mills had been a laboratory technician at MCV. One day there was a fire in the lab and Mills was badly burned in trying to extinguish the blaze. The story continues that after his injury, MCV discharged him. Whether true or not, I do not know. But if so, MCV's loss was Theta Kap's gain.

Mills served as janitor and handyman, keeping the furnace fired and the house clean. Every Saturday night he put on his starched white jacket and became the bartender at the usual Saturday night party. But he had another function. When we arrived as freshmen, he always addressed us politely as "Mr.," and then began his process of evaluation. At some point, if he approved, the "Mr." Would change to "Dr." and we would know that we were accepted. My time came near the end of my freshman year when Mills said, "Good Morning DOCTOR Barney." And I knew I would make it.

The other great memory is that of the students who lived there—great friends I still remember with fondness. Henry Ernst, Jack Shaver, Chauncey Shumaker, Walter Rice, Dave Miller, Chuck Brant, Walter Bundy, Joe Milam, Frank Flannery and my best and lasting friend, Kent Carter. I wonder, are our ghosts still there?

Laurie Miner Downs '94BS/P is happy to announce the birth of Isabelle Stephenson on March 12. She joins sister McKenna Grace. Downs is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Burlington, NC.

Beth Shio-Ching Du '92MS (A)/M-BH'97MD married Steven Novey on October 14, 2000. The couple lives in Richmond.

John Ellis '94DDS'00MD has joined a facial and oral surgery practice in Augusta/Waterville, ME.

Pamela Elswick '99BS/N married Heath Harrison on August 12, 2000. She is employed by Buchanan General Hospital and currently works as a registered nurse in the emergency department. Harrison is employed as the manager of Kentucky Fried Chicken. The couple lives in Big Rock, VA.

****Timothy Everidge '97BS (CRS)/AH'99MS(HA)/AH** is the director of Suburban Health System in Bethesda, MD.

***David Ferris '93BS/In'95MS (HAE)/AH** has been named vice president of Nursing for Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in NY.

Scott Forrest '96MD is an associate with Gregory Koons, MD and Associates, P. C. in Fairfax, VA.

Stephanie Fournel '99BS/N is currently a registered nurse at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital in Greensboro, NC.

Rajat Garg '93BS(B)/H&S'96MD completed his residency in internal medicine last year and is on staff at MCVH. He was recently named co-medical director of the medical stepdown unit and has started a fellowship in cardiology.

MCV ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF VCU: LIFE MEMBERS

The Association is grateful for all of its regular and life members. The following alumni became life members between July 12, 2000 through July 15, 2001

Ms. Carolynne (Pratt) Adams
Mrs. Courtney Coleman Adams
Dr. Randy Adams
Dr. William R. Adams III
Dr. Gerald Allen
Dr. Rebecca Alston-Zimberg
Dr. C. Gregory Alty
Dr. Lisa T. Alty
Dr. Alden S. Anderson Jr.
Mr. William A. Armentrout
Mrs. Betsy (Montgomery) Arnaudin
Dr. Richard A. Arnaudin
Dr. Fredrick S. Arnold
Mrs. Helen (Orphanidys) Arnold
Dr. Antoine A. Arrage
Mrs. Vivian (Harris) Bagby
Mr. Dan P. Barry
Mrs. Carol Battaglia
Dr. Joseph Battaglia
Mr. T. Straughan Beane Jr.
Mrs. Kim S. Beasley
Mr. Stuart L. Beasley Jr.
Dr. Jack W. Behn
Dr. Debra M. Bensen-Kennedy
Dr. Cheryl (Bradford) Billingsley
Mrs. Dana L. Blaine
Dr. David A. Blaine
Mrs. Bernetha (Pullins) Blalock
Mr. David W. Blankenship
Mrs. Victoria (Martin) Blankenship
Dr. Cramer L. Boswell
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Dr. Gerald J. Brown
Mrs. Tammy (Craun) Brown
Dr. William M. Brown
Dr. Winston M. Browne III
Dr. David A. Buck
Dr. Leigh C. Budwell
Mrs. Courtney Bunn
Dr. Donald F. Bunn
Mr. Dan Burtner Jr.
Mrs. Elizabeth (Thomas) Burtner
Dr. Leah E. Bush
Dr. Sarah M. Bushey
Mr. John L. Butler
Mrs. Deborah (Wingblade) Byrns
Dr. Duane D. Callahan
Dr. John C. Callahan
Ms. Karen L. Cameron
Dr. W. Joseph Cannon
Dr. Jerry G. Caravas
Dr. Ted J. Cardoso
Ms. June C. Carpenter
Dr. Edward K. Carter
Mrs. Pamela (Murphy) Carter
Dr. Gary Q. Casey
Mrs. Margaret (Pate) Chappell
Dr. Lisa D. Chodak
Mr. Anthony C. Clark
Mrs. Ashby (Hall) Clark
Dr. Nancy (Durst) Clementi
Mrs. Ann (Fain) Coffey
Dr. Lewis G. Coffey
Dr. Anne L. Coleman
Mrs. Susan Coleman-Booker
Dr. Christopher C. Colenda III
Mrs. Joan (Hopewell) Collins
Mrs. Jeanne A. Combs
Mr. W. C. Combs
Mr. Dennis M. Connell
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Dr. Jason S. Crist
Dr. E. Paige Crowder
Ms. Linda G. Cupit
Miss Barbara A. Dale
Mrs. Caroline (Alnutt) Dalrymple
Dr. Arthur B. David
Mrs. Rosli David
Dr. Gina (Gibson) Davis
Dr. Kennon W. Davis
Dr. Leslie (Schmidt) DeLigio
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Dr. Kevin W. Fergusson
Dr. James L. Ferrell
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Mrs. Rebecca M. (Tarabay) Fore
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Mrs. Courtney (Midgette) Fuller
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Dr. Eleanor H. Garrett
Ms. Irene R. Garrett
Mr. Roy L. Garrett
Dr. James L. Gates
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Mr. Tupper D. Gillie
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Mr. James R. Johnson
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Dr. Shirley (Neitch) Kahle
Mrs. Michelle D. Kaiser
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Dr. Alexander J. Kallen
Dr. Marilyn (Schneider) Kellam
Dr. David R. Kelly
Dr. Stephen F. Kemp
Dr. Eugene P. Kennedy
Mr. Norman D. Kennedy
Dr. George Kevorkian Jr.
Dr. Hose Kim
Dr. Karen L. Kirby
Dr. Michael S. Komarow
Dr. Lawrence M. Kotler
Dr. Shane J. Kraus
Dr. George M. Kroncke
Mrs. Mary Jane (Mosteller) Kroncke
Mr. Joe H. L. Kue
Mrs. Venetia M. Kue
Dr. Laura W. Lanier
Mr. Gregory S. Large
Dr. Nelson D. Large
Dr. Max D. Largent
Dr. Isabella (Chauby) Laude
Dr. Sarah K. Laughon
Ms. Pamela R. Layne
Mr. Linwood S. Leavitt
Dr. Alice (White) Levy
Dr. Jeffrey A. Levy

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Mrs. Susan (Buie) Lilly
Mrs. Jean (Walters) Lindsey
Ms. Kathleen Lipps
Dr. Georganne W. Long
Ms. F. Elaine (Woods) Lorenzo
Dr. J. Ian Lowdon Jr.
Mrs. Karen (Wright) Lowdon
Dr. Michael P. Markowitz
Dr. Michael A. Marsh
Mr. Richard E. Marshall
Dr. William W. Martin
Dr. Carroll Martins-Ruschman
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Dr. William L. McClung
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Dr. Eric H. Norby
Dr. Ben E. Norfleet
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Dr. Bobbi B. Oldham
Dr. Dwight S. Oldham
Dr. Joseph P. Oleniacz
Mrs. Susan P. Oleniacz
Dr. Edward M. O'Mara Jr.
Dr. Neeta (Bahal) O'Mara

Ms. Patricia L. O'Neil
Dr. Ross M. Orr, Jr.
Mrs. Sandra (Schneider) Orr
Ms. Carolyn J. Otto
Ms. Myra G. Owens
Dr. Robert E. Paine Jr.
Dr. William R. Parks
Mr. Navnit R. Patel
Mr. Vipulkumar N. Patel
Dr. Bonnie J. (Zahniser) Pearson
Dr. Victor T. Perez
Dr. Tuyet-Mai T. Phan
Dr. David F. Polster
Dr. James M. Porterfield Jr.
Dr. Gaye W. Poteet
Dr. Randall W. Powell
Dr. David C. Powers
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Dr. John W. Robinson
Mrs. Marybeth (Falls) Robinson
Mr. D. Jeffrey Rodden
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Dr. Erik C. Roper
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Dr. David M. Rowe
Dr. Michael C. Rowland
Dr. Jeffrey Rubin
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Ms. Donna M. Sharp
Dr. Stanley W. Sheftall
Dr. Richard L. Sherman
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Mr. Curtis C. Shinaberry
Mrs. Ellen (Bryant) Shinaberry
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Dr. Kathy (Peccatiello) Sorger
Mrs. Sandra (Long) Sperry
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Dr. Frank Steller
Dr. Nathan C. Stephens
Dr. Elliot B. Sternberg
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Mr. Mark A. Szalwinski
Dr. Vivek S. Tayal
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Dr. Jodi L. Teitelman
Dr. Daniel G. Thomas Jr.
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Mrs. Eleanor (Talley) Torre
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Ms. Rose M. (Austin) Tucker
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Dr. Nema I. Uwaydah
Mrs. Amy (Rose) Vest
Dr. Walter E. Vest III
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Dr. Oscar W. Ward Jr.
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Ms. Carol (Horst) Watson
Dr. Brian D. Weiss
Dr. James M. Wells Jr.
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Mr. Eugene V. White
Mrs. Laura L. (La Fontaine) White
Dr. William M. White Jr.
Dr. Charles D. Wilder
Dr. John B. Willey
Dr. Denise R. Williams
Dr. Charles H. Wilson Jr.
Mrs. Judith (Roscher) Wilson
Dr. J. Bryston Winegar
Dr. Angela L. (Stees) Wingate
Dr. Thomas Winkler
Dr. Nancy (Garrett) Witt
Dr. Darren S. Witte
Dr. Christopher Woleben
Dr. Lawrence A. Wolff
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Dr. Kenneth L. Wooh
Mrs. Kristell J. Wright-Jimenez
Dr. Glenn Zeh
Dr. James J. Zelenak
Dr. Stephen E. Zimberg

***David Goldschneider '93DDS** received the award of Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. Goldschneider works in Niantic, CT and lives in Waterford with his family.

Laurie Goldsticker '92MD has joined the medical staff at Westside Medical Associates, which is part of Sentara Medical Group in Norfolk, VA.

Carolyn Gbur '94HS-M and **Charles Gbur Jr. '94HS-M** have opened Ohio Heart and Vascular Consultants Inc., a cardiology office in Monroe, MI. The Gbur family lives in Toledo with their five children.

Meredith Hagen '92BS/P and husband, Cary, are happy to announce the birth of Andrew Henry, on June 22, 2000. The family lives in Chesapeake, VA.

Crystal Holbrook '94BS/N is a clinical nurse III at MCVH in the neonatal intensive care unit. She and her fiancée, **Paulo Gazoni '00MD,** are planning an October 2002 wedding.

Kristen Houser '96BS(OT)/AH and Vecente Rojas were married on October 21, 2000. Houser owns the Piedmont Occupational Therapy Service Inc. in Danville, VA and Vicente is a probation and parole officer with the State of Virginia. The couple lives in Danville.

Neal Huang '99DPHA is a clinical pharmacist with Kaiser Permanente Falls Church Medical Center. Huang lives in Clifton, VA.

Donna Hudson '95MS(RC)/AH married Michael Douglas on October 21, 2000. Hudson is employed with Hudson Sheet Metal Company and Douglas works for G-Tel. The couple lives in Richmond.

****Laura Irwin '91MD** married Eric Smith on February 26, 2000. Irwin is currently associate residency program director in the USC Department of OB/Gyn in Columbia, SC.

Mary-Margaret James '97MD is a pediatrician with LNRMC in Mooresville, NC.

Kara Jones '96MD has joined the office of Drs. May-Grant Associates in Lancaster, PA. Jones is an OB/Gyn.

J. Timothy Katzen '91MD is a plastic surgeon at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.

Ann Kelly '98PhD(MI)/M is a post-doctoral fellow with the American Red Cross in Rockville, MD.

Sheila Kelsey '95MS(NA)/AH is a CRNA with Martin County Hospital in Stuart, FL.

Thurston King II '99MS (HAE)/AH is a practice manager for Hampton Roads Eye Associates of Riverside Health Systems in Newport News, VA.

Stephanie Korneke '96BS/P has been elected 2001-2003 Region 4 deputy director of the VPhA. Korneke has completed certification programs in smoking cessation, pharmacy-based immunization delivery, diabetes patient care and osteoporosis. She currently is a staff pharmacist at the Harbor Point Ukrop's in Richmond.

Kelley Kramer '99MS(RS)/AH celebrated the birth of Carl Albrecht George Kramer IV, on May 7, 2000. Kramer is working as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, serving the substance abuse population. Kramer enjoys working for Drs, and the challenges of working with the substance abuse population. The family lives in Montpelier, VA.

***Stacey Lasseter '90BS/N** began the first forensic nursing program in Central Virginia in 1993.

Bennett Lee '94MD is currently a fellow at Boston Medical Center.

Crystal Lewis '91BS(BA&M)/B'94BS/N is a registered nurse/on-site review for CIGNA Healthcare in Richmond.

Steven Liu '97MD is a physician with Emory University Hospitals in Atlanta, GA.

Rhonda Clevinger Lunsford '93BS/P and husband, Andrew are pleased to announce the birth of Emily Faith on April 14, 2000. The family lives in Abingdon, VA.

****Allison Gillespie Lucas '93BS/P** and **Tim Lucas '93BS/P** are happy to announce the birth of their second daughter, Kendall Erin, on April 27. The family lives in Cloverdale, VA.

Christy Lyczkowski '98BS/N is an RN at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Hospital.

Sean Mahan '91MD is a radiologist with Chesapeake General Hospital in Chesapeake, VA.

Melva Cook Mallison '92MS(HA)/AH is currently the manager for the Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, which provides shelter and community work programs for people with mental retardation and other disabilities. Mallison and her family live in Newport News, VA.

Mark Mast '98MD is in his third year of a family practice residency at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center in Reading, PA.

Brian McAndrew '99MD is a cosmetic surgeon fellow with the Cosmetic Surgery Center in Little Rock, AR.

Patrick McBride '94AS(RT)/AH'96BS(CRS)/AH is a radiation therapist with RT Temps in Herndon, VA.

Alicia McKelvey '95MD started a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery in July at George Washington University in DC.

Casey McReynolds '96MD is a radiologist with Abingdon Radiology Services, Ltd. in Bristol, VA.

Catherine Moore '98MS(PT)/AH is now Mrs. Funk after her recent marriage to Gerald Funk. The couple lives in Virginia Beach.

Margaret Murphy '99MS(G)/AH is a community affairs manager with the Visiting Nurse Association of Brooklyn, NY.

George Nanos III '98MD is a flight surgeon with the United States Navy stationed in Anacortes, WA.

***Stephen Nichols '94MD** has joined the staff at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Nichols works in pediatric rehabilitation, and has special interests in brain injury, cerebral palsy, and electrodiagnosis.

Mary Katherine Oelrich '98MS(HG)/M recently married David Welch. Oelrich is a genetic counselor at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Welch is a senior associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers. The couple lives in DC.

Peter Ofman '97MD is an internist and has joined the staff of Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital.

***Johnathan Phillips '94BS/N** has been appointed to the Patrick Henry Community College local board by the Martinsville City, VA Council. The board is responsible for assuring the college is responding to community needs within guidelines set by the State Board of Community Colleges. Phillips is the vice president of nursing services at Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, a subsidiary of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Rachel Preston '98DPHA is a clinical specialist with McKesson MedManagement in Richmond.

Deborah Raines '92PhD/N received the 2000 Award of Excellence in Education from AWHONN. She also was selected for a career profile on the Sigma Theta Tau International Web site. Raines was appointed co-team leader for the development of the Evidence Based Neonatal Skin Care Guidelines sponsored by AWHONN. Raines lives in Coconut Creek, FL.

Colonel Daniel Jarboe '88PhD/M-BH

A Global Profession

By Jean Huets

During more than 24 years of active duty in the Army, **Colonel Daniel Jarboe '88PhD/M-BH** has been a military commander, business leader, medical researcher, family man, international traveler and scuba diver. In December 2000, he assumed a position that many medical as well as career military people would relish: Commander of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR).

Colonel (and Doctor) Jarboe's medical career began with a youthful love of science. He earned Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees at Ohio State University, then chose the Virginia Commonwealth University's MCV Campus to do his doctoral work in microbiology and immunology. "I had a very strong interest in immunology, and the School of Basic Health Sciences had a very strong program. Dr. [Thomas] Huff, my major professor, Dr. [John] Tew, Dr. [Francis] Macrina—MCV has a whole group of people very strong in immunology." He cites the focus on publishing as especially important for his career. "I received a lot of publication in top journals from my time there. Once I left, I was able to work as a bench scientist for two more years before I was selected to command the Army laboratory in Brazil."

On completing his doctorate at the MCV Campus, Jarboe spent a tour of duty at WRAIR. He then went to Brazil. Jarboe's unit conducted a field trial to prevent schistosomiasis, a parasite that is transmitted through the skin and, once inside the body, causes disease. "The trial had its good points and bad points," says Jarboe. The unit tested a topical antipenetrant cream that would block the parasite's entry. There was a big catch, though. "It was impossible to protect people; we would have had to cover every square inch of skin. Kids would go swimming and we couldn't protect the whole kid."

From Brazil, Jarboe was transferred to Thailand, a country that is home to what Jarboe considers two of the three critical health issues in the world: malaria and HIV. "Malaria is hugely important not only for the military but for civilians as well." In cooperation with Thai officials, Jarboe oversaw a clinical trial in malaria at a field site close to the border of Myanmar, where mosquitoes were not the only danger. "The site is right out in the jungle. During that time, border skirmishes were going on between the Myanmar government and dissidents. The dissidents would go over border to Thailand to escape. We had contingency procedures to get people out if things got hot."

Jarboe explains the challenge posed by malaria using the example of mefloquine, a relatively new anti-malarial drug. When the drug was first tested in Thailand, it was 100 percent effective; within five years efficacy dropped to 50 percent. "Thailand is the epicenter of drug-resistant malaria," says Jarboe, which makes it ideal for researching the disease. Jarboe describes with excitement a vaccine breakthrough that occurred last year. "For the first time ever, we have a candidate vaccine that actually protected people in a field trial."

Jarboe also oversaw preparation of HIV vaccine trials in Thailand, working with Thai officials. "I was commander when Thailand was in the middle of its HIV epidemic. A certain type of HIV, readily transmitted heterosexually, was really ravaging the country." Jarboe says HIV is a de-stabilizing factor in developing countries. "As you know, HIV strikes down people right in the prime of their life. It kills productive people; it kills the leadership."

The third "enormous concern" Jarboe has for world health is enterotoxigenic *E-coli.* The disease is especially deadly to infants, whose immune systems have not developed. It occurs most often in areas where sanitation is poor, but outbreaks have occurred in the United States due to contaminated food or water. "In developing countries," says Jarboe, "it kills millions." WRAIR is in the early stages of developing an oral vaccine.

From a medical point of view, Jarboe's career has been varied and fascinating. But he describes the people side of his job as equally engaging. "A lot of what we do at WRAIR is in collaboration with others: industry, academia." He treasures the opportunities he has had to work with scientists, government dignitaries, health agencies in the U.S. and abroad, and the opportunity to meet former President Bush. He remembers a visit to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam as "incredible."

Jarboe also makes time for his wife and two children and having fun. "I've been stationed in four countries, gone on TDY [temporary duty] in 11 additional countries, and taken leave in another 11 countries. My family and I have tried to take full advantage to travel and see cultures, and meet interesting people." One of Jarboe's hobbies is scuba diving; his dives include the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. He's gone trout fishing in New Zealand and he's seen the Taj Mahal.

Jarboe has a keen appreciation of the support his family has given him in his career moves. "My wife became board certified in Companion Animal Practice almost the same day I was selected to go to Brazil for two years. Then we went straight to Thailand for three years. She had to put her career on hold for five years. She made a sacrifice. The kids make a certain sacrifice; they lose the continuity of friends. In exchange, they've had life experiences that an awful lot of people never get. We went trekking in Nepal. We visited the Amazon. My kids stood on the Great Wall of China. Not everyone has done that. We were always a very close family, and still are."

Colonel Jarboe knits together the hard work and the rewards: "People have to make sacrifices and in exchange you get life experiences."

***Jean Huets '80BA/H&S** is a Richmond writer living as close as possible to the James River.*

IN MEMORY

A KEEN INTUITION

Miles E. Hench, Ph.D., retired MCV Campus professor of microbiology and pathology and director of admissions in the VCU School of Medicine, died March 7 at his home in Tampa, Fla. Dr. Hench earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in microbiology. He came to MCV in 1952 and for thirty years taught in the School of Medicine. He also served as associate dean.

Dr. Hench was director of admissions for a number of years, a position for which he was well suited, remembers Dr. Marvin Allison, professor emeritus of pathology. "He stood on his own evaluation of an applicant and was very forthright in his dealings with people…to put it another way, he was unbribeable."

Weeks before his death, Dr. Hench returned to the MCV Campus for an event honoring the Miles E. Hench scholarship in the School of Medicine. In keeping with a man who was famous for providing last chances, the scholarship is awarded to the final applicant admitted each year to the medical school.

As the school's former director of admissions, Dr. Hench searched out possible stars where others had only seen the dimmest of light. And often his intuition proved right on the mark. **Dr. Larry Schlesinger '71MD** had all but lost hope of getting into medical school in 1967 until Dr. Hench intervened and admitted him on what must have been a gut feeling. Dr. Schlesinger, who had been called "a proven failure" by another dean at the school, was recently named Physician of the Year by his peers in Hawaii. Shortly before Hench's death, a grateful Dr. Schlesinger helped permanently endow the Hench scholarship fund.

A GENEROUS SUPPORTER

Philanthropist **Harriet Gumenick Grandis** died July 15 after a brief illness following surgery. Mrs. Grandis and her husband, Harry, have been supporting medical school scholarships for ten years. Currently, three medical students are attending VCU's School of Medicine on full in-state tuition scholarships contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Grandis.

"Harriet was a very perceptive individual," says VCU President Eugene Trani. "She saw that modern medicine could alienate doctors from the human side of practice and, through her tremendous generosity, sought to have an impact on medical students' lives that would live on in their work with patients."

She "really got a charge out of the students that got scholarships—especially the doctors," her daughter Nancy White of Naples, Fla., told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

"She enjoyed meeting and knowing them and seeing how they were doing."

VCU awarded Mr.and Mrs. Grandis the Edward A. Wayne Medal in May 2000 for outstanding contributions to society through humanitarianism, science, art and public service. She and her husband were generous supporters of the Massey Cancer Center as long-time members of the Massey Club, a group of donors who provide major unrestricted annual support to the center.

HELPING OTHERS THROUGH RESEARCH

Dr. Robert Frederick Spencer, VCU anatomy and otolaryngology professor and director of research in the Department of Otolaryngology, died March 24 at 51 after a lengthy illness. Dr. Spencer was internationally known for his original research into ophthalmology, neurobiology and audiology.

Among his noteworthy contributions to medicine, Dr. Spencer developed botulinum toxin as a treatment for cross-eyed babies. The toxin temporarily paralyzes the eye's muscles, forcing the other eye and muscles to compensate. Once its effects subside, the child has normal vision for life. The toxin also is used now in dermatology as a temporary wrinkle remover.

It was just this type of research that drew admiration from his colleagues and friends. Barbara Mann, VCU senior laboratory specialist, worked with Dr. Spencer for years, most recently in his VCU lab. "His science wasn't something that just got published in a journal; his research impacted people, particularly children. He was most concerned with helping humanity."

Dr. Keith McNeer, VCU clinical professor and pediatric opthamologist who routinely uses Dr. Spencer's toxin for his patients, respected Dr. Spencer for his unfaltering honesty. "He was completely objective in his work. He wouldn't accept anything less than a really thorough examination of what he was doing," as told to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

EMINENT PLANT EXPERT

Dr. William Stepka, eminent plant expert, professor in the VCU School of Pharmacy for more than 20 years and University lobbyist, died February 5 in Richmond at age 84. An avid gardener and breeder of hybrid deciduous rhododendrons in his spare time, Dr. Stepka specialized in pharmacognosy, the study of drugs and compounds derived from plants or other natural materials.

Dr. Stepka was highly respected and well liked among his colleagues. Dr. Bill Barr, retired chair of the School's Department of Pharmaceutics, remembers him as an "extremely capable, bright man…a person who was looking for the truth not only in science but in University and state policy." Dr. Stepka's interests in politics took him before the Virginia General Assembly numerous times as a professional lobbyist for VCU. "When he saw what he perceived as a wrong in science, policy or humanity, he would attempt to do what he could to better things."

As a scientist, Dr. Stepka was rigorous in his investigations and was known to go far lengths for his research. "He once traveled all the way to Tibet to follow up on a research lead," recalls Dr. Barr. "He was a very principled person with high standard of ethics whose word could always be trusted. He was a quiet man who didn't speak out much, but when he did you knew to heed his word."

Dr. Stepka came to MCV as a professor in the late 1950s, leaving behind a teaching position at the University of Pennsylvania. He retired in 1982.

ENT PIONEER

Dr. George Harry Williams died July 21 of complications following surgery. He was professor emeritus and former chairman of the department of otolaryngology at VCU's Medical College of Virginia Campus.

Dr. Williams founded the cochlear implant program at VCU. In 1986, he performed the first cochlear implant in central Virginia, and in 1988 was one of the first physicians in the country to perform cochlear implants on children. Williams also developed surgical instruments for use on ears. He came to MCV in 1964 as an associate professor of otolaryngology. He was professor and chairman of his department from 1978 until his retirement in 1996.

"He loved teaching and helping people," his daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Williams told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

"Dr. Williams was a gentleman," says Dr. Aristides Sismanis, professor and chair of VCU's Department of Otolaryngology. Sismanis credits Williams with helping him become what he is today, and describes Williams as a fine physician who liked to teach residents. "He will be

remembered most for his kindness and compassion with patients. He was loved by his patients and associates. He was a good man."

A TRAILBLAZER

Dr. John Henry Wood, a cutting-edge researcher in biopharmaceutics and metabolic diversity, was widely credited for founding what is now a top-notch doctoral program at the VCU School of Pharmacy. He died March 19 at age 76 after a period of declining health. Dr. Wood left private industry research to come to VCU's School of Pharmacy in 1969 as a professor. He wasted no time adjusting to the academic world. By 1973, he launched the school's new graduate program, serving as graduate program coordinator.

Dr. Bill Barr, friend and colleague, joined the school's Department of Pharmaceutics as chair in 1972, in part because "John Wood convinced me to join their team." Dr. Barr quickly grew to respect Dr. Wood not only for his role in launching the graduate program but for the way he cared for students. "He wanted to instill in students the characteristics of a good scientist. In his research methods class, he taught the power of critical reasoning better than I've ever seen. He provided them with tools for life."

Dr. Barr says that many former graduate students returned for Wood's memorial service to show their appreciation for all that he had contributed to their own lives and professions.

Dr. Wood was a trailblazer in several burgeoning areas of pharmaceutical research, most notably in biopharmaceutics and metabolic diversity. "He was a truth seeker…a pioneer, who would find the things that others missed," recalls Dr. Barr. His research, while at MCV, greatly benefited A.H. Robins and other private pharmaceutical companies. In 1989, Dr. Wood retired from the School of Pharmacy and was named professor emeritus in the Department of Pharmaceutics.

***Dr. Woodrow C. Henderson '37DDS** died January 12. His obituary appeared in the Spring 2001 issue of* Scarab. ***Dr. John C. Doswell II '79DDS** shared these thoughts with us about Dr. Henderson.*

The University recently lost a dear friend. Dr. W.C. Henderson played a major role in the growth and development of the Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association. His leadership was instrumental in the acquisition of the initial Alumni House. He was a devoted supporter of the University and the Alumni Association, and his quiet gentlemanly manner endeared him to all. He was the 1999 recipient of the Hodges-Kay Award recognizing his years of dedication to the Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association and the University.

I feel privileged to have known Dr. Henderson. He will be dearly missed and the University and Alumni Association will be forever grateful for his leadership. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to his family.

–Dr. John C. Doswell II '79DDS

Sterling Ransone Jr. '92MD has been appointed to the Virginia Voluntary Formulary Board by Gov. Jim Gilmore. Ransone is a family physician with Riverside Fishing Bay Family Practice and an assistant clinical professor of family practice for MCV. Ransone lives in Deltaville with his family and wife, **Karen Ransone '88MS(P)/M'92MD.**

Theresa Bain Recupero '95DDS and **Stephen Recupero '95DDS** are pleased to announce the birth of Stephen Edward, Jr. on May 6, 2000. Stephen is the great nephew of **George Oley III '79DDS.** Stephen joins older sister, Carolyn. The family lives in Stoughton, MA.

Donna Reynolds '97BS(P)/H&S'99MS(RC)/AH is employed with the Richmond Department of Juvenile Justice as a counselor.

Leslie Richard '97DPHA is a pharmacist with Kerr Drugs in Chapel Hill, NC.

***Allison Rogers '97MS(HA)/AH** is a senior consultant for Gill/Balsano Consulting in Atlanta, GA.

John Roth '93MD has joined the faculty at Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University as an assistant professor in the department of surgery. Roth's primary area of expertise is in minimally invasive surgery, endoscopic surgery and laparoscopic surgery.

Mark Rowley '86MS(B)/H&S'90MD recently completed reconstructive surgery fellowship training at Johns Hopkins University. He is now an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice in Leesburg, VA.

***John Salmon IV '95MD** is a physician with Pathology Consultants of Central Virginia in Lynchburg.

Dan Sepdham '97MD completed his family practice residency in Texas, he is now a flight surgeon at Tyndall AFB. Sepdham and his wife, Barbara, have a new baby. The family lives in Panama City, FL.

Harry Shaia '98MD is a resident in the department of orthopaedics at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Stafford Smith '92HS-M is board certified in internal medicine, adult cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. Smith is the president and founder of the Scranton Heart Institute, P.C. in Clarkes Summit, PA.

***Elene Stratton '97BS/P** is a pharmacy manager with Kroger Co. in Roanoke, VA.

***Sharon Stroble '83BS/SW '95MS(PH)/M** is employed as a licensure specialist with the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. Her husband, James owns a computer consulting firm specializing in networking services for nonprofit organizations. They live in Richmond.

Jonette Talbott '94BS/N received her MSN from Old Dominion University in December and became certified as a family nurse practitioner in April.

***Cydney Teal '96MD** has joined the staff of Union Hospital in Elkton, MD. Teal sees herself as practicing both the art of medicine and handling the business realities of running an office.

Averett Thomas '90BS/P married Sherry Enloe on November 11, 2000. Thomas is currently a pharmacist with WalMart of South Boston. The couple lives in South Boston, VA.

***Edward Thomason '99DDS** is a general dentist with Family Dentistry in Seattle, WA.

Karen Toppi '96HS-M has joined the medical staff at South County Hospital and O'Neill Medical Associates. The women of Southern

Rhode Island are very happy because Toppi is only the second female OB/Gyn in the area. She left a 1,000-bed hospital for the 100-bed South County Hospital. She said "Here, from childbirth education to labor and delivery all the way to postpartum services, the needs of expectant parents direct each step of patient care. And for a small hospital, the resources are quite impressive, from state-of the-art prenatal testing to LDRPs that are fully equipped with the latest technology."

***Thomas VanderMeer '90MD** is an associate in general surgery with Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery of Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, PA.

Karen Chatham Vaughan '91BS/N is a clinical coordinator for Williamsburg Community Hospital in Williamsburg, VA.

Jennifer Carter White '98MS (OT)/AH married John Alasbrook on July 22, 2000. The couple lives in Gainesville, FL.

Barbara Wiggins '98DPHA is a clinical pharmacist in cardiology at the University of Washington Medical Center in WA.

***Jim Wright '92PhD(A)/M-BH'95MD** has been appointed medical director for Chesapeake Medical Group.

2000s

Jamie Farmer '00BS/N married Joseph Burton on May 4. Farmer is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at MCVH. Burton is pursuing a career in law enforcement. The couple lives in Richmond.

Carmelina Gordon '00MD is the new member of the medical staff at OTPIO. Gordon is an ophthalmologist specializing in retinal conditions, treatment and surgery. OPTIO Vision by Kahn & Diehl is the first organization in the United States to successfully combine optometry, ophthalmology and opticianry. OPTIO has been recognized as one of the top 10 eye care practices in the country by the American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators. Gordon lives in Oregon, OH.

Kathryn Mansfield '00MS (PT)/AH has married Scott Clayton on June 10, 2000. The couple lives in Morrisville, NC.

Thomas Prisinzano '00PhD (PS)/P is an IRTA Fellow with the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, MD.

Jennifer Scales '00DPHA recently married Robert Hill III. Scales is in a fellowship at McGuire VA Medical Center, and Hill is an associate with Schnabel Engineering. The couple lives in Richmond.

Jennifer Waguespack '00BS(DH)/D married John Thomas on April 21. Waguespack is employed as a dental hygienist and Thomas is a section manager with Ukrop's Supermaket. The couple lives in Bowling Green, VA.

Kabir Yousuf '96BS(B)/H&S'00MD is doing a residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

DEATHS

1920s

Agnes Hultz '22BS/N of Richmond, on June 14. She was 99.

Lannie Page '29Cert(St.P)/N of Richmond.

1930s

***Robena Phillips Lt. Col. (USA-Ret.) '31BS/N** Mount Holly, VA on March 19. For 11 years at MCV, Phillips was on the staff and faculty of the School of Nursing, serving as a pediatric supervisor and instructor in nursing arts and later as assistant director of the school. She was 89.

John Hamner Jr. '35MD of Ashland, VA on April 26. He served as assistant health director for the Virginia State Department of Health of Arlington County and as health director for Henrico, Southhampton, Hanover, Caroline and King William Counties all before he retired in 1977. Hamner was 90.

George Leath '30BS/P of Richmond, on July 26, 2000. He owned and operated Leath's Drug in Emporia until 1985. Leath was 90.

***William Miles Jr. '36DDS** of Lady Lake, FL on May 15.

***John Morris '38MD** of Lynchburg, VA on June 1. Morris was a graduate of Marshall University where he established the Norval Carter Scholarship. He practiced anesthesiology for almost 40 years. He was 91.

Evlyn Hines '37BS/N of Richmond, on June 29.

Dorothy Summerour Richard '37BS/N of Bradenton, FL on December 22, 2000. Richard was a charter member of West Bradenton Baptist Church and began the Rest Home Ministries in Bradenton.

William Richardson '30DDS of Lynchburg, VA on April 18, 2000. He was a member of the ADA, VDA and Piedmont Dental Society for 57 years. Richardson was 93.

Jerome Shapiro '34MD of Goldvein, VA on April 16. He was 90.

1940s

William "Winks" Alexander '42DDS of Hopewell, VA on March 22. He was 83.

****Raymond Brown '42BS/P'45MD** of Gloucester, VA on May 29. Brown practiced family medicine for 43 years. Brown was a member of many boards and organizations including the Medical Society of Virginia, which honored him with the A.H. Robins Award for Community Service. He was 82.

Edward Eppes III '46MD of Lancaster, VA on March 15. He was 78.

Leonard Doughty Jr. '42DDS of Portsmouth, VA on October 24, 2000. He was a member of the ADA, VDA and the Tidewater Dental Association for 58 years.

Doris Gravatt '47BS/N of Milford, VA on June 21. She was 75.

William Green Jr. '58BS/B '61MS(HA)/AH of Warrenton, VA on March 10. Green's career included serving as assistant director at the University of Virginia Hospital and as administrator and chief executive officer of Fauquier Hospital Inc. He was 70.

Julius "Sonny" Hulcher '41MD of Richmond, on January 22. Hulcher practiced medicine for 34 years until his retirement in 1982. He was 85.

***George James III '43MD** on January 15 after a brief illness. He joined the faculty at MCV in 1949 as a Markle Scholar and spent the next 50 years in research, teaching and clinical practice. He was appointed professor of medicine in 1984 and professor of medicine emeritus in 1993. He helped establish the Division of Hematology of which he served as chairman for many years. He is survived by many friends and family including his wife, **Francis James '41BS(MT)/AH** and his son, **George James IV'80HS-M.** James was 82.

Sara Jenkins '47BS/N of Melbourne Beach, FL on May 6, 2000.

Mildred O'Grady McDonough '46BS/N of Lexington, VA on January 1. McDonough was a registered

nurse on the Navajo Reservation in AR. She was 77.

Margaret Murray '44Cert (St.P)/N of Richmond, on June 18.

Dorothy "Polly" Nunn '43BS/N of Roanoke, VA on April 24. She was 79.

Tunstall Powers '42DDS of Middletown, VA on December 26, 2000. He was a member of the ADA, VDA and Shenandoah Valley Dental Association for 58 years. Powers was 84.

Richard Reed '46MD of Norfolk, VA on April 20. Reed was on the staffs of DePaul Hospital, Norfolk General Hospital and Leigh Memorial Hospital as a family practice physician. He was 81.

Clarke Richardson Sr. '43BS/P of Mathews, VA on January 31. Richardson was the owner and pharmacist for Richardson's Drug Store in Mathews. He was 84.

Charles Riley '43MD of Richmond, on July 7. During his career, Riley held many positions including chief of surgery at St. Mary's, chief of staff at Retreat and professor of anatomy at MCV. He was also a founding member of the Notre Dame Club of Notre Dame University. Riley was 83.

William Sadler '44MD of Mathews, VA on February 8.

Mary Smith '46BS/N of Denver, CO on March 24 from complications arising from metastatic breast cancer.

*H R St. Clair '45MD of Louisville, KY on November 15, 2000.

1950s

Richard Brooke Jr.'54MS (HA)/AH of Jacksonville, FL on March 4 after a brief illness. Brooke served as administrator of Riverside Hospital Jacksonville, and vice president and director of the Group Insurance Division of Independence Life Insurance Company. He was 75.

James Creef '52MD of Cheseapeake, VA. He was 83.

***Harry Howren Jr. '52MD** of Richmond.

Charles Hutchinson Sr. '51DDS of Montross, VA.

***Thomas "Dr. Tom" Jennings '51MD** of Bedford, VA on November 2000. Jennings helped establish Physicians Associates Limited in 1972 and was president. He worked with Boy Scouts of America, and was a member of many organizations and associations. Jennings was 76.

Geoffrey Mann '52HS-M of Hopewell, VA on May 27. He was Virginia's second chief medical examiner, serving from 1949 to 1972. During that time, the number of physicians serving as medical examiners increased from 50 to 350, and the Richmond-based operation expanded to include regional offices in Fairfax, Roanoke and Norfolk. He was also a professor and chairman of Legal Medicine at MCV. He retired as the chief medical examiner in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Mann was 86 and is survived by his second wife, **Frances Mann'72(B)H&S.**

Murdoch McKeithen '55HS-M'62HS-M of Laurinburg, NC on March 13, 2000 after an extended illness. McKeithen retired from Laurinburg Surgical Clinic in 1995. He was 76.

***William Pratt '56DDS** of Kennebunk, MA.

Theril Reedy '53DDS of Clintwood, VA on November 23, 2000 after a lingering illness. He practiced dentistry for 35 years before retiring in 1988. He also served as dentist for the Virginia Prison System, and operated Reedy Hardware for many years. Reedy was featured in Who's Who as an Outstanding American Dentist in 1995. He was 73.

William Rodgers '57BS/P of Lawrenceville, VA on May 4, he was 57.

Jean Robinson '57St.P/N of Newport News, VA on March 28.

William Stanton '57DDS of North Tazewell, VA on September 28, 2000. He was a member of the ADA, VDA and the Southwest VA Dental Society for 44 years.

1960s

***James Davis '62BS/P** of Warsaw, VA on February 5. Davis was the owner of the Warsaw Drug from 1966-1988. He owned Commonwealth Florist in Warsaw. Davis was 61.

George Delo Jr. '63DDS of Gloucester, VA on December 29, 2000. He served two years in the US Air Force as a Captain before beginning a dental practice. He retired in 1991. Delo served on numerous boards and associations. He was 63.

Jon Gerdes Jr. '61DDS of Wilmington, NC on March 31. He is survived by his 16-year-old daughter.

William Green Jr. '58BS/B '60MS(HA)AH of Warrenton, VA on March 10. Green retired as administrator and CEO of Fauquier Hospital, Inc.

John Litton Sr. '62BS/P of Lynchburg, VA on November 12, 2000. Litton loved his years at MCV and spoke of them and his classmates very often. He always loved to attend the reunions and would often visit fellow pharmacy classmates when traveling on vacation.

William McAbee Jr. '61DDS of Walterboro, SC.

Paul Peters '67DDS of Gainesville, FL.

Ray Puckett '62BS/P of Amherst, VA on March 26. Puckett owned and operated the Village Pharmacy, and Kings Pharmacy at Ambriar. He retired after 35 years in the field. After retirement, he started 38 years of continuous community service. He was to receive the Jones Fellowship Award from the Lion's Club before he went into the hospital. He was honored for his participation in many projects throughout the community. "Ray loved this community and worked for it," said his wife of 38 years. Puckett was 62.

Key To Abbreviations
Alumni are identified by year degree/school

Degrees
AS Associate's Degree
C Certificate
BGS Bachelor of General Studies
BFA/MFA Bachelor/Master of Fine Art
BSW/MSW Bachelor/Master of Social Work
Diet Dietetic Intern
DPHA Doctor of Pharmacy
HS House Staff
MEd Master of Education
MPH/DPH Master, Doctor of Public Health
MHA Master of Health Administration
M/DPH Master, Doctor of Public Health
MSHA Master of Science in Health Administration
MSNA Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia
PhD Doctor of Philosophy

Schools
A Arts
AH Allied Health Professions
CLS Clinical Laboratory Sciences
G Gerontology
HA Health Administration
NA Nurse Anesthesia
OT Occupational Therapy
PC Patient Counseling
PT Physical Therapy
RC Rehabilitation Counseling
RS Radiation Sciences
B Business
D Dentistry
E Education
En Engineering
H&S Humanities and Sciences
M/M-BH Medicine/Med-Basic Health Sciences
MC Mass Communications
N Nursing
NTS Nontraditional Studies
P Pharmacy
St.P St. Philip School of Nursing
SW Social Work

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William Rodgers Jr. '67BS/P of Lawrenceville, VA on May 4. Rodgers was 57.

Daphnne Simmons '62Cert (St.P)/N

****Howard Stanton '60DDS** of Christianburg, VA on April 12. Stanton practiced dentistry for 38 years, and was the team dentist for the Virginia Tech Football Team for 20 years. He was 72.

Robert Wampler '64BS/P'69MS(B)/B of Mechanicsville, VA on February 9. Robert worked for A. H. Robins for many years as head of human resources for the Research and Development Division. He later formed Team Management Associates, a human resources consulting and placement company, specializing in placing scientific personnel in pharmaceutical and bio-technology areas.

Franklin Watkins '60HS-M of Richmond, on May 6.

1970s

***Paul Brechtelsbauer '76DDS** of Pinehurst, NC on March 16. He was an avid golfer for many years; however, his fondest days were spent at the dental office being with people and doing what he loved. He valued his many friendships there. Brechtelsbauer was 62.

Arthur Eisenman '72BS/P of Germantown, TN on January 23.

****Judith Marsella Gonzales '70BS/N** of Richmond, in March. Gonzales was a pediatric nurse practitioner for Henrico County Health Department and other health organizations. Her dedication to her work with children was reflected in her constant willingness to repeatedly exceed the bounds of professional duty and provide medical care and comfort wherever it was needed regardless of the hour or circumstance.

John Letcher Jr. '75BS(B)/H&S'79MD of Washington, DC on January 2.

Linda Overstreet Pope '71MS(PT)/AH of Bedford, VA on March 17. She was a physical therapist with Centra Health. Pope was 51.

Thomas Sellars '72MS(HA)/AH of Germantown, TN on January 10. At the time of his death, Sellars was chief executive officer of Memphis Mental Health Institute in Memphis. He was 57.

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1980s

Linda Moore '84DDS of Virginia Beach, on May 2.

1990s

****Kenneth Davis '91BS(C)/H&S'95MD** of Ashland, VA on December 25, 2000. Davis completed his residency in May 2000 and was working as an orthopaedic surgeon at West End Orthopedic Center. He is survived by many friends and family including his wife, ****Gina Davis '92BS(B)/H&S'95MD** and 15-month-old daughter, Arnanda. The Arnanda Davis Scholarship and the Dr. Kenneth Davis MCV Orthopedics Resident's Funds were set-up in his honor. Davis was 31.

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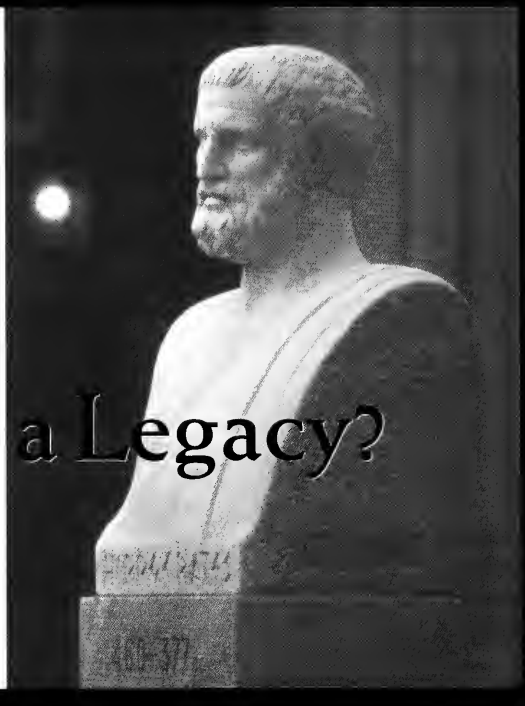

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